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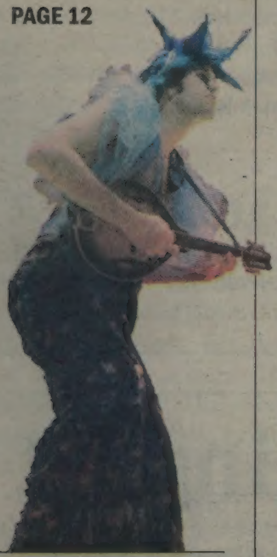

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Golden lumber's in the skies

Photo by Matt Ryan

Students pass between the chapel and Alliot Hall beneath yellow boughs on Oct. 16. Foliage was changing all over campus and throughout Vermont.

Students shaken by UVM senior's death

Suspect held in Gardner-Quinn case

By Haven Quinn
Senior Reporter

Michelle Gardner-Quinn

Brian Rooney

After the body of Michelle Gardner-Quinn was found in Richmond on Friday, Oct. 13, juniors Ashley Wheeler and Ashley Colloton headed to Williston to purchase pepper spray.

"After I found out, my Dad called and told me I couldn't run anymore unless I bought pepper spray," Wheeler said.

Wheeler was one of many Burlington area residents affected by the death of Gardner-Quinn.

Gardner-Quinn, 21, went missing early Saturday morning on Oct. 7. A missing person flier was posted on the Burlington Police Web site Oct. 8, and by the next day investigators had been working nonstop following leads. No suspects had been identified.

By the third day of Gardner-Quinn's disappearance, police considered her disappearance to be highly suspicious and that time was essential in the investigation.

Gardner-Quinn was last seen walking with Brian Rooney, 36, on Main St. before she disappeared. Rooney was arrested on unrelated charges Friday, Oct. 13, the same day Gardner-Quinn's body was found at Huntington Gorge in Richmond.

Rooney is being held on charges of sexual assault, attempted sexual assault, and lewd and lascivious conduct with a child. Each of the charges stems from events that occurred before Gardner-Quinn's disappearance.

Police are investing Rooney's actions and whereabouts from around 2:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, to midmorning Monday, Oct. 9. Police released no further information.

Since Gardner-Quinn's disappearence St. Michael's students have been distraught and alert.

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Students leave college with degrees, debts

Seniors could spend decades paying off tens of thousands of dollars

By Jess Watts
Staff Writer

Misha Hudak, a transfer student from Plattsburgh State University in New York, said St. Michael's has not been as generous with financial aid as she would like. Although Hudak said she does have several loans with Vermont Student Association Corporation, she said she has a scholarship through St. Michael's that covers 50 percent of the tuition. She is already in debt about $40,000 with VSAC and she is only in her second year of college.

"When I'm 22, I am going to be $80,000 in debt," Hudak said.

Of the students who graduated in 2005, 72 percent borrowed loans from the college. The average loan debt for those students is $20,700, said Dan Couture, assistant director of financial aid.

> "When I'm 22, I'm going to be $80,000 in debt."
>
> **Misha Hudak,**
> transfer student

Senior Monique Gagnan has taken out about $16,000 in loans each year for the past three years from Citibank. This year, she said she was allowed only $11,000, because she reached the bank's limit.

"I'm thinking I'm going to have about $70,000 worth of loans when I graduate," Gagnan said.

Each year Gagnan receives $12,000 in scholarships from St. Michael's, along with $3,000 in Perkins and Stafford loans, which she will have to pay off.

> "I'm thinking I'm going to have about $70,000 worth of loans when I graduate."
>
> **Monique Gagnan,**
> senior

The Stafford and Perkins programs offer federal loans. Stafford loans can be administered by VSAC, with a nonprofit guarantee, while Perkins can be administered only through colleges, said Irene Racz, director of public affairs at VSAC. Perkins loans have the lowest interest rate, Racz said.

However, each school has a limited number of Perkins loans it can give out, and not all students who apply will receive one. Couture said.

A customer service worker at Citibank, who refused to be named, said a student like Gagnan, with $70,000 in nonconsolidated federal loans from Citibank, will have monthly payments of $690.48 for 10 years, starting after a six-month grace period.

If a student like Gagnan consolidates his or her loans, the payments would be $384.19 a month for 30 years after the grace period, according to the Citibank customer service representative.

Loan consolidation helps students to pay less per month over a longer period of time.

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SECURITY LOG

Excerpts from Oct. 6 to Oct. 15 Security reports,
courtesy of St. Michael's College Office of Safety and Security

Friday, Oct. 6

1:10 a.m. Drunkenness, Ryan Hall
3:03 a.m. Noise complaint, TH 200
7:45 a.m. Motor vehicle theft North campus
12:10 p.m. Larceny/theft, Ross
4:05 p.m. Theft of service, TH 300
9:00 p.m. Alcohol violation, Johnson Ave.
11:33 p.m. Alcohol violation, Joyce Hall

Saturday, Oct. 7

1:14 a.m. Alcohol violation, Campus road
11:22 p.m. Alcohol violation, Hodson Hall

Sunday, Oct. 8

1:19 a.m. Crowd, TH 300
11:39 p.m. Alcohol violation, Quad

Wednesday, Oct. 11

8:00 p.m. Drug violation, Ryan Hall
9:33 p.m. Suspicious person, Tarrant
11:29 p.m. Vandalism, Hamel Hall
11:31 p.m. Drug violation, Hamel Hall

Thursday, Oct. 12

2:03 a.m. Drug violation, Alumni Hall
5:11 p.m. Vandalism
7:27 p.m. Safety incident, Rt. 15
11:02 p.m. Alcohol violation, Campus Road
11:25 p.m. Drug violation, Hamel Hall
11:26 p.m. Suspicious person, Hodson Hall
11:55 p.m. Drunkenness, Joyce Hall

Friday, Oct. 13

2:12 a.m. Crowd, TH 200
5:32 p.m. Suspicious person, Joyce Hall
11:06 p.m. Alcohol violation, Hodson Hall
11:25 p.m. Drunkenness, Ryan Hall

Saturday, Oct. 14

6:30 p.m. Larceny/theft, Joyce Hall
12:11 a.m. Drunkenness, Rt. 15
12:18 a.m. Noise complaint, Ryan Hall
12:52 a.m. Drunkenness, Hodson Hall
10:44 p.m. Fight, Cashman Hall
10:56 p.m. Fire, TH 200
11:06 p.m. Fight, Cashman Hall
11:35 p.m. Fight, Cashman Hall

Sunday, Oct. 15

1:32 a.m. Drunkenness, Canterbury Hall
1:35 a.m. Drunkenness, Ryan Hall
9:24 p.m. Odor complaint, Purtill Hall

Vandals key vehicles in parking lot

Two students find scratches on cars, security and police have no leads

By Kaitlin Couillard
Staff Writer

Junior Nick Daley discovered a large key marking across the right side of his 2000 black Honda Civic on Friday, Sept. 29. His was one of two reported incidents of cars keyed on campus. Both cases are on file, but not under investigation, said Director of Security Pete Soons.

"At first I just assumed it was somebody stumbling back from Cumby's late Thursday night," Daley said. "I figured it was a drunken, dumb act."

Daley said he had parked his car in the adjacent parking lot next to Canterbury Hall for most of the week. He went to use his car on Friday afternoon and noticed the marking. There was still paint debris left on the car, so the act must have happened on Thursday night or Friday morning, Daley said.

Daley said he called security on his cell phone.

"They came over and did basically nothing, but in their defense they really can't do anything," Daley said.

Security notified the Colchester Police Department. The officer wrote up the incident as an act of vandalism so as not to affect Daley's insurance, Daley said.

"The officer I dealt with was pretty helpful," Daley said. "I'm a pretty understanding person and I understand that they can't do much."

An adjuster determined the cost of the damage to be $500, and the car is going to be repainted, Daley said.

Daley said he applied for zone parking, thinking it would be safer than leaving his car on a street, but realized he can't watch his car every second even if it is on campus.

Junior Kristen Hartwell discovered markings on her 1997 black Audi A4, late in the afternoon Sunday, Oct. 1.

The damage to the driver's side of her vehicle occurred in the Zone A parking lot in front of Canterbury Hall. Hartwell said she thought drunken kids were responsible fore the vandalism.

Hartwell's insurance will cover the damage. She said her car has not yet been repainted. Hartwell continues to park on campus.

Soons said students should report damage to their vehicles to St. Michael's security and then the Colchester Police Department. Security views the damage, documents the complaint and looks for trends, Soons said.

> "When we know who's responsible, we'll hold them accountable."
>
> **Lou DiMasi**
> director, Residence Life

Security and the college are not liable for damage, Soons said. When students sign up for a parking permit there is a disclaimer saying St. Michael's isn't responsible for damages to students' cars parked on campus, Soons said.

"The students bring their property onto campus at their own risk," Soons said. "With that said, we stress that they are properly insured."

St. Michael's recommends students have liability insurance, Soons said. The insurance covers people who damage someone else's car.

A person who's vehicle was damaged must pay a deductible, a certain percentage of the total damage before the insurance kicks in.

The person must also file a police report to get insurance companies to pay for the damage, because insurance companies do not accept security reports. Security also does not have the power to arrest or to determine the act of vandalism as a felony or misdemeanor.

Sgt. Jim Roy, a Colchester Police Officer, responded to Kristen Hartwell's complaint.

"St. Michael's students are just like any other citizen," Roy said. "They have the same rights."

Roy said he attributes such acts of vandalism to drunkenness, drugs, anger, family and business issues.

He said students should report even minor damages.

"Any value (of damage) is a crime, basically from one cent on," Roy said. "We don't have a policy that says a vandalism of $10 is less important than a vandalism of $200."

If such vandalism continues, Colchester Police will increase campus patrol, Roy said.

"When we know who's responsible, we'll hold them accountable," said Lou DiMasi, director of Residence Life.

"The only time campus is completely safe is when it's completely empty," DiMasi said. "If students stepped up and were more vigilant in watching, it would be helpful."

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SMC unveils new marketing campaign

College to recruit more students from outside New England next year

By Andrew Parise
Staff Writer

When a student from Wyoming applies for college, it's rare that St. Michael's will be the first choice. Sophomore Tom Pryor was no exception. He applied, was accepted, and enrolled in the University of Idaho. It took less than one semester for him to discover the University of Idaho was not for him, he said.

Pryor withdrew and decided to spend the next semester with the National Outdoor Leadership School in Chile. After, he started looking for a new college to attend his sophomore year.

His college advisor was the first to turn Pryor toward St. Michael's, Pryor said. Once the application process began, Pryor said he was surprised how helpful the St. Michael's admission office was, and if it wasn't for this support, he may not have chosen St. Michael's, he said.

This is a success story for admissions, but they would like to see a lot more diversity in the coming years, said Jerry Flanagan, vice president of enrollment and marketing. Starting next fall, St. Michael's will begin a new campaign to increase geographic and ethnic diversity among in the incoming classes.

Pryor said he praises admissions for the personal attention he received while applying. If he ever needed any additional information or help in the process, he could call and someone would always be glad to help, he said

"I wasn't just another tuition check," Pryor said.

While Pryor said he appreciates the "real person contact," he said he wishes he could have found St. Michael's sooner, and that information was available to kids from the west. He said it's a matter of getting the word out.

"I'm sort of a novelty here."

Tom Pryor,
transfer student

Before this year, admissions looked for students in strong academic standing, but were also bound by the need to fill the required number of students to maintain the budget. This will not change next year, but with the recent boost in applications, admission can now look more seriously at geography and ethnicity, Flanagan said.

Flanagan has worked in admissions since 1976 and since then, the number of submitted applications has increased by about 280 percent, he said. Because of this raise, St. Michael's can become more selective, he said.

Only 20 percent of the students in the class of 2010 are from outside New England, Flanagan said. Not only that, but since Vermont is the second whitest state in the union, ethnic diversity is an issue, Flanagan said.

"We've been steady, but it's a challenge," Flanagan said. "We don't want just token diversity."

Heading up the new marketing campaign is Anne Conaway-Peters. As Director of Marketing, she delivered the 2006-2007 marketing plan to the Board of Trustees on Oct. 6. The 26 point plan highlights some of St. Michael's programs such as the Smugglers' Notch pass and Fire and Rescue.

Conaway-Peters has developed a new program called the Faculty Road Show. The goal is to find one or two faculty members who will give lectures in their areas of expertise to high school students in target areas, she said.

The campaign will also use a new mailing system. Instead of sending text based letters, prospective students will now receive new colorful postcards. Each postcard describes perks of St. Michael's, such as graduation rate, internships and study abroad.

"(The hope is to) hold the attention of the perspective students long enough to read the back," Conaway-Peters said.

The meeting also brought up questions about time frames and budgets. Conaway-Peters explained this plan is only a one year campaign. She said the initiative will continue after 2007, but with the coming of a new president, she said she doesn't want to plan too far in advance.

The usual marketing budget is $60,000. All initiatives in this year's plan will all be covered by the existing budget, Conaway-Peters said.

"No additional marketing funding has been designated at this time," she said.

Another marketing tactic is to use alumni from around the country, Flanagan said. The primary focus for the 2006-2007 campaign is New York and New Jersey. From there, admissions will eventually try to branch out to Virginia, Maryland, Chicago, Colorado and Minnesota, Flanagan said.

"We're starting in our backyard and want to continue to intensify the marketing where we have some connections," Flanagan said.

Geographic diversity is not the admission's only concern, Flanagan said. The school has a broad range of incomes from its students, but it is clear that a high percentage of students are from the upper or middle class, Flanagan said.

The admission office intends to increase financial aid in the next few years, but Flanagan said he recognizes St. Michael's doesn't have the budget of an institution like Harvard.

"We would love to eliminate the financial aspect of the decision, but we can't do it for everyone," Flanagan said.

Flanagan said he knows this can be a long process,

"There's no magic bullet here, and we can't do it over night," Flanagan said.

Photo by Meg Bookless

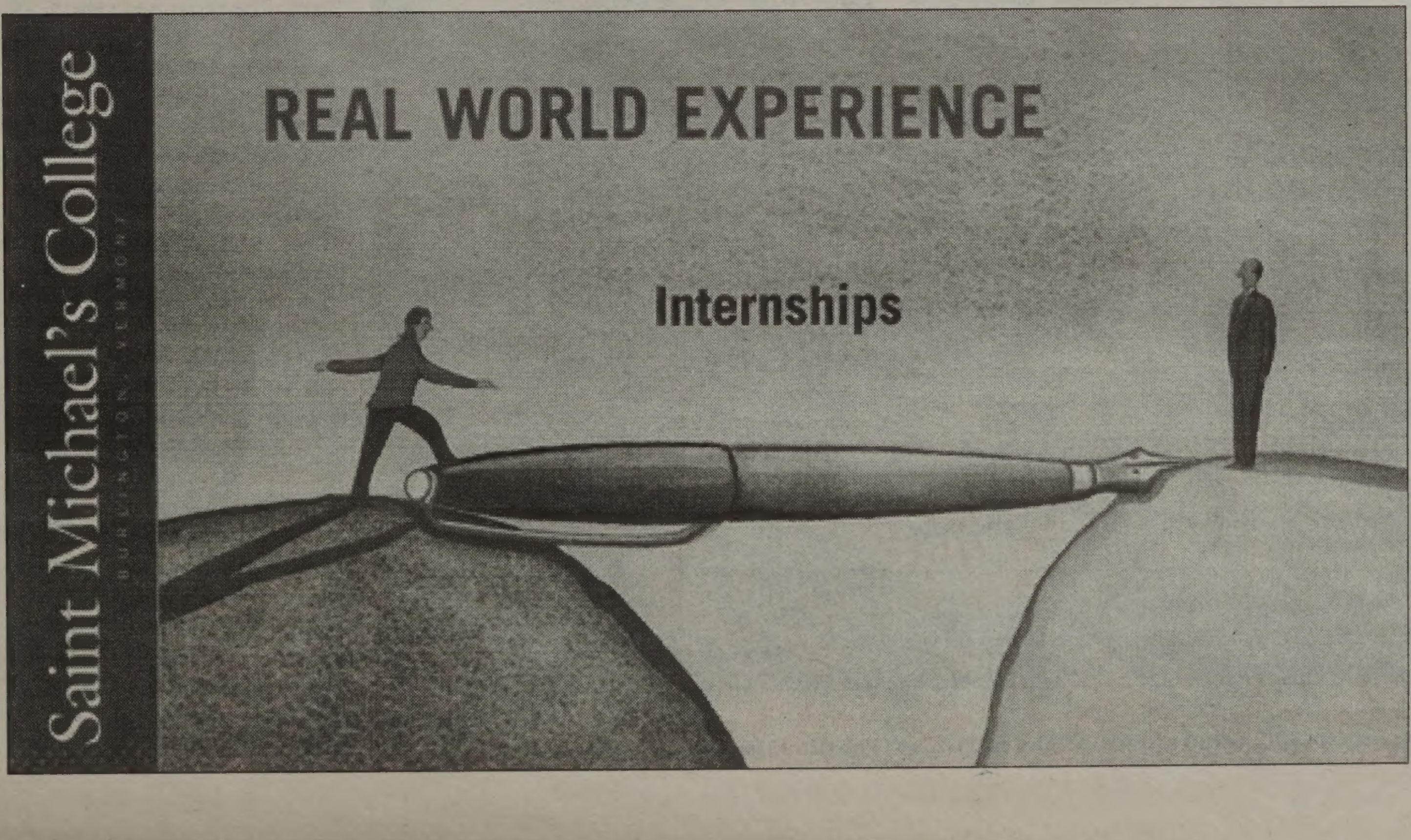
A volunteer rallies students to activate their Smugglers' Notch season passes outside Alliot Oct. 16. The Smuggs' pass is a major selling point for St. Michael's College.

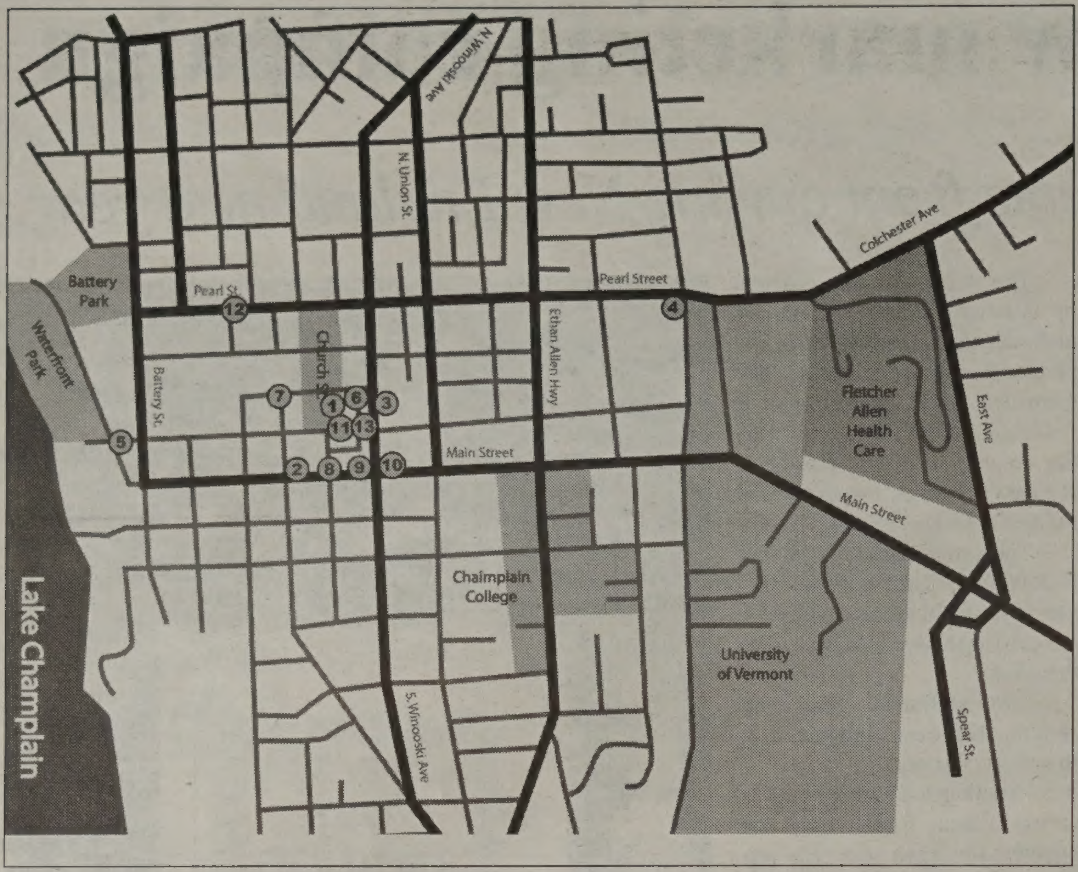
Pryor said he is glad to see more of an effort being taken to increase diversity. A large percentage of St. Michael's students are from New England. At the same time, Pryor said he likes his individuality.

"I'm sort of a novelty here," Pryor said.

You've got recruitment mail

St. Michael's unveiled newly designed recruiting postcards at the Oct. 6 Board of Trustees meeting. The cards highlight some of the college's strongest programs, such as study abroad and internship placement.





Where to spend your Knightbucks

1. Red Onion Deli, Church Street
2. Manhattan Pizza and Pub, Main St.
3. City Market, S. Winooski Ave.
4. Health Center Pharmacy, S. Prospect St.
5. Burlington Bay and Market Cafe, Battery St.
6. Daily Planet, Center St.
7. Henry's Diner, Bank St.
8. Kountry Kart Deli, Main St.
9. Mr. Mike's Pizza, Main St.
10. Pure Pop Records, S. Winooksi Ave.
11. North Face, College St.
12. Leonardo's Pizza, Pearl St.
13. Photo Garden, College St.

Photo illustration by Nick Martin

The advantages of being an SMC student

Head into Burlington and get the most out of four years with a student ID

By Brad Cole
Staff Writer

The same card that grants you access to the washing machines and the Green Mountain Dining Hall in Alliot can be used to get reduced rates at Smuggler's Notch, a free drink at New World Tortilla and $2.49 games at Yankee Lanes.

Although some students only use Knight Bucks on campus, there are over 100 restaurants and shops off campus that accept the Knight Card. The Knight Card provides students with many opportunities to save money both on and off campus.

Perhaps the most advertised perk of the Knight card is the partnership between St. Michael's and Smugglers' Notch. Students in good academic standing can purchase a season pass to Smugglers' Notch for $25. Last year, more than 1,200 students purchased the pass, said Todd Wright, director of the Wilderness program.

"The idea sprang from Todd Wright, who thought it would benefit the students at St. Michael's if there was a way to provide each (student) with easy entry into a healthy sport," Barbara Thomke of the Smugglers' Notch public relation department said. "Smugglers' was willing to be a partner in this endeavor to bring a lifelong sport to students as part of their college learning and experience."

The program began in 2004 after a recommendation by the Athletic Task Force as a way to promote non-varsity athletics, and as a way to get students involved in healthy weekend activities, Wright said.

Smugglers' Notch receives compensation for the passes sold, using the money to improve the resort, Thomke said. The program has lead to the creation of a glade trail called Knight's Revenge, on Madonna Mountain, and an expanded parking lot, Thomke said.

"The St. Michael's College partnership with Smuggs' supports the goal of having well-rounded, balanced student learners who educate their bodies as well as their minds," Thomke said.

One restaurant that accepts the Knight Card is New World Tortilla, which has a second location on Pearl Street in Essex Junction. Throughout October, New World Tortilla is giving St. Michael's students who show their Knight Card a free drink with any purchase.

Yankee Lanes in Colchester has a special discount for college students. On Wednesday and Thursday nights from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., the bowling alley offers discounted games to students with proper ID.

"The weekend is our primetime, but the discount drives our business on Wednesday," said David Posternak, the general manager at Yankee Lanes. "Thursday nights are tough. We can't compete with the bars.

"Most of our advertising is done in house, though we have met with all the school student activity groups."

Manhattan Pizza also caters to students. The pizzeria and pub released fliers and posters on campus in the past, but now they have a different advertising focus.

"Though we do a little advertising, word of mouth is our strongest asset," said Mark Alexander general manager at Manhattan Pizza. The restaurant has been accepting the Knight Card for three years, Alexander said.

"We rely heavily on the quality of our product and people telling others," Alexander said.

Manhattan Pizza has offered an all-you-can-eat pizza and wings special on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for $8.75 since the restaurant opened 12 years ago.

"Generally, any restaurant's peak hours are lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday," Alexander said. "Tuesdays to Thursday tend to be slow days that need a boost."

Other businesses that accept the Knight Card are Al's French Fries, Riverside Coffee Shop and Grill and Ahli Baba's Kabob Shop, as well as chains like Dominos, Subway and Quizno's Sub.

Not all businesses that cater to college students are local. One national company, the travel agency Student Universe, provides discounted airfares to college student. The company was founded in 1992 and went online in 2000.

Any student or faculty member at a government accredited college, community college or university is eligible to buy a ticket from Student Universe. They also offer deals on hostels, which are an inexpensive alternative to hotels, according to the company's Web site.

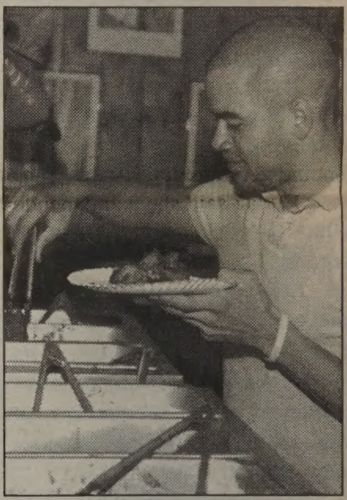


Photo by Meg Bookless
Junior John "Tex" Francis, dives into the wings at Manhattan Pizza and Pub on Main St. on Oct. 15.

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>
> **David Posternak,**
> manager of Yankee Lanes

Photo by Meg Bookless
A group of SMC students gather at Manhattan Pizza and Pub Oct. 15 for all-you-can-eat pizza and wings.

AID: Students spend years paying off debt

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Consolidating loans is convenient for teachers because their salaries increase each year, and consolidated loan payments adjust according to how much a person earns, the customer service representative said. As a teacher's salary increases, he or she can speed up the loan payback process by paying more money over less time.

Gagnan said St. Michael's financial aid program was helpful for raising her scholarship and financial aid money when tuition increased.

"They match the increase so I don't have to pay more because of tuition rising," Gagnan said. "They do a good job of making it manageable for me to come to St. Michael's."

When she got accepted to St. Michael's, the college did not give her enough money in scholarships and financial aid, Gagnan said.

"I wrote them a letter saying that I really wanted to come here and I think it's a perfect match for me," Gagnan said. "So they upped work study and the Perkins and Stafford Loans. They also increased my scholarship by $1,500."

Hudak said she wrote a letter to Nelberta Lunde, undergraduate financial aid advisor, requesting more scholarship money.

"I get good grades, I play a sport, I am active in the community, my parents don't help me financially and I really like St. Mikes," Hudak said. "I am an education major and I have a 3.7 (GPA), I think I should get more money than 50 percent."

Hudak said she is independently handling the cost of her education. She has already applied to two other colleges for next year, and said she has to transfer because she can't afford to stay at St. Michael's.

Students who transfer have a difficult time keeping track of their loans, according to the Citibank representative. Citibank said it advises students keep track of each loan and not get behind in payments.

Representatives from Citibank and VSAC said that they have nothing to do with companies or volunteer groups that pay students' loans. Volunteer work, like Americorps and The Peace Corps, can take over the loan payments, but only after a student is finished with the volunteer program, Racz said.

The AmeriCorps Education Award pays $4,725 for a year of full-time service, according to the AmeriCorps Web site. Volunteers use the money to pay educational expenses, for educational training or to repay qualified student loans.

For the Peace Corps, volunteers can defer repayment on student loans under several federal programs. Volunteers with Perkins loans can qualify for a 15 percent cancellation of their outstanding balance for each year of Peace Corps service.

In a year, the grace period for 2007 graduates will end.

"I'll probably be paying (loans) back for the rest of my life," Gagnan said.

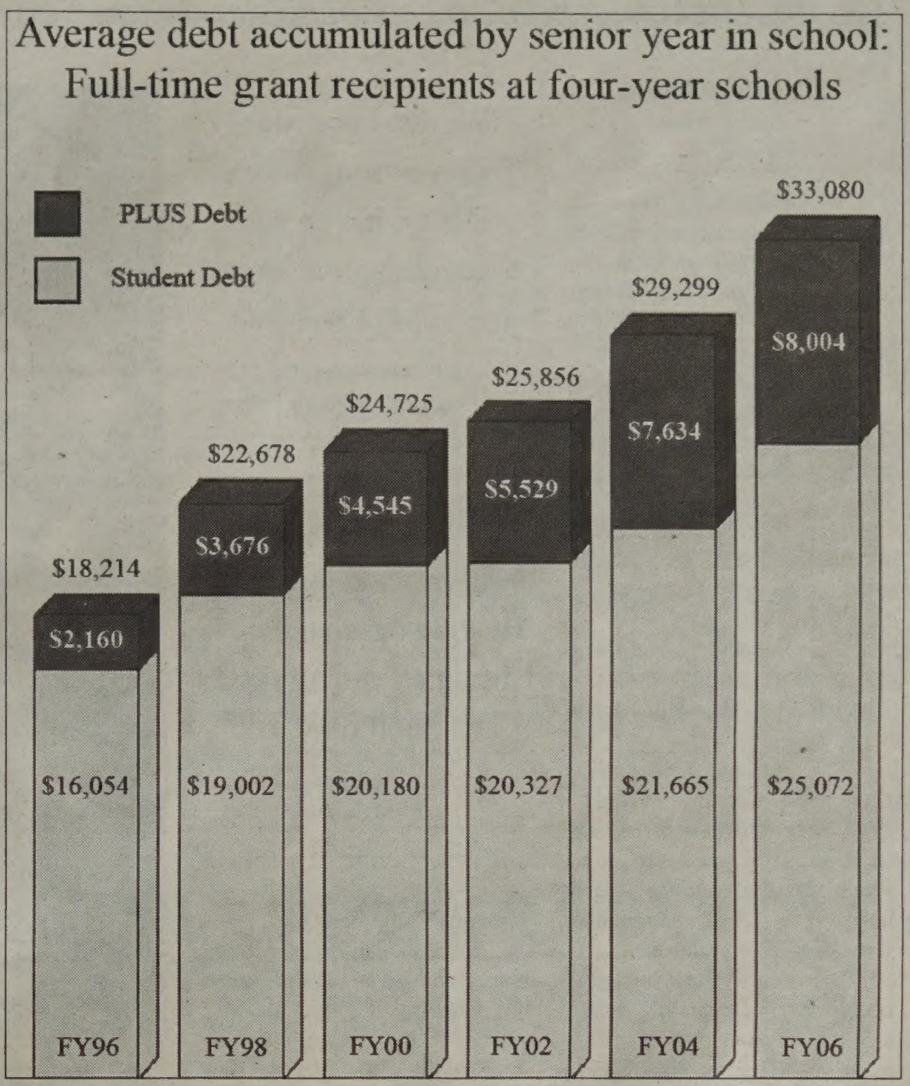

Illustration by Nick Martin

Four-year college graduates leave school with more than an education. The graph shows student's debt, along with PLUS debt, or the amount parent's borrow from VSAC in their names for tuition costs. Graph courtesy of Irene Racz, VSAC director of public affairs.

SAFETY: Female students look for ways to stay safe downtown

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"When my dad told me I had to get pepper spray in order to run, I went out to get it," Wheeler said. "I went to three stores before I found some. Every place was sold out."

Wheeler found one of the last cans on the shelf at Powderhorn.

"As news was breaking of the woman being abducted, we had an increase in pepper spray sales," said Bill Cleary, an employee of Powderhorn Outdoor Sports Center. "We were selling it everyday until we ran out Friday evening. We sold about 90 units."

Some students said they still feel unsafe about exercising when the sun goes down.

"Before the girl went missing, I used to go running at night," junior Julie Carey said. "Since then, I will only go when it's light out, especially since the streets aren't well lit."

Traveling in groups and always carrying a cell phone are two ways students can protect themselves.

"The times I have gone downtown and then had to go home, I have always felt a little fear," senior Tina Nardi said. "I always make my guy friends talk to the cab driver before he leaves. Even before the girl disappeared I did this to be safe.

I always talk loud enough so the cab driver can hear me," Nardi said. "I always say into the phone that I just got into the cab and I would be home in a bit. I just make sure the cab driver hears me."

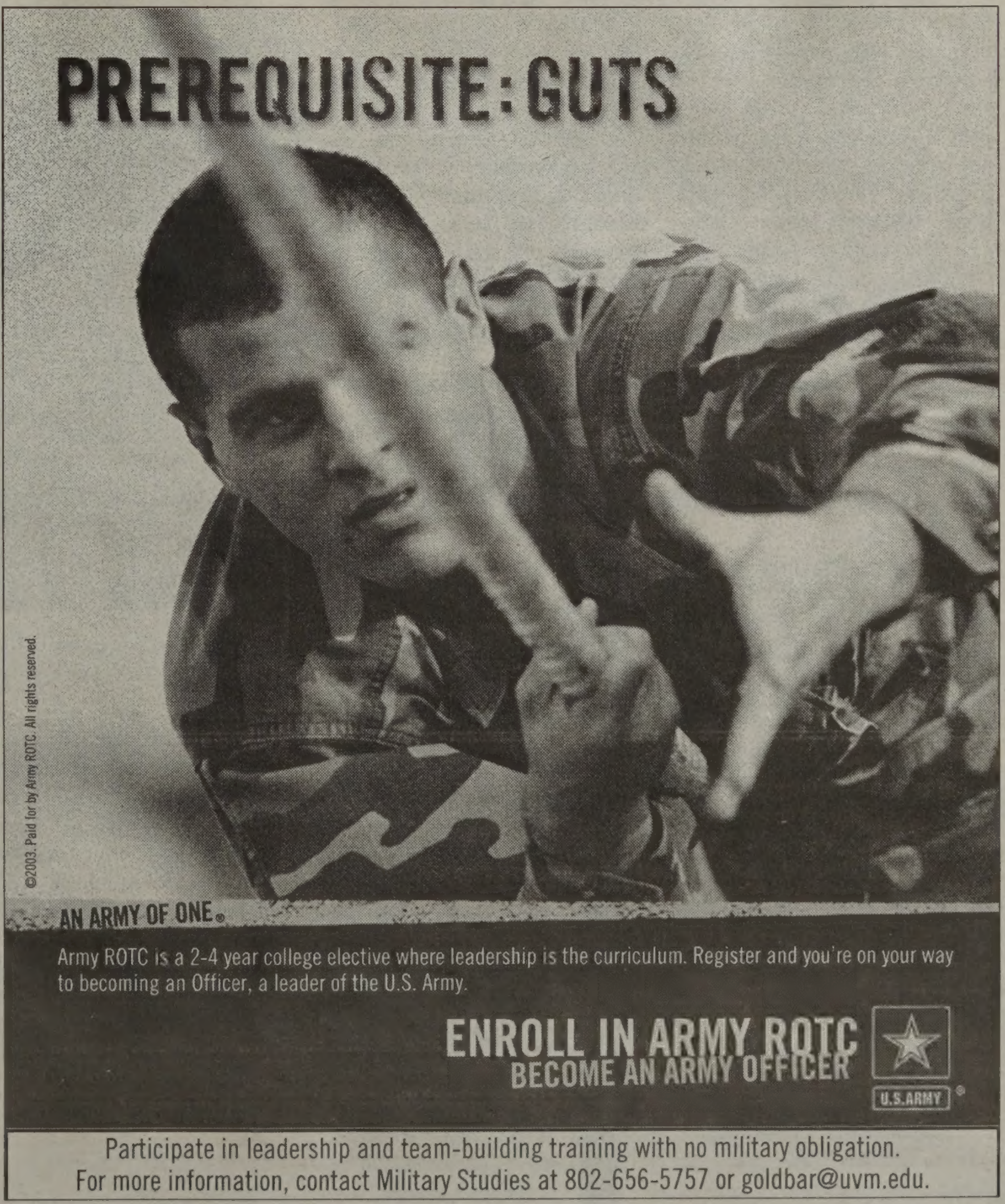
Always informing friends of your whereabouts and the time you'll return are steps everyone, not only women, should take as precautions.

Still, the news of Gardner-Quinn's death has not affected some students.

First-year Lindsay Horne said she feels safe, and having someone with her when she's out at all times is important.

"I'm not scared of running at night because of someone trying to kidnap me," Horne said. "It would cross my mind, but it wouldn't stop me from running because I would be in motion and it would be harder for someone to get me."

In 2005, eight people were murdered in Vermont, according to the Vermont Criminal Information Center. This year, if Gardner-Qunin's death is ruled a murder, about 10 people will have been killed in Vermont.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Students, police weigh in on street noise

Green, Hickok, Isham streets persistently loud on weekends and police don't hesitate to fine students

By Melanie Randle
Staff Writer

> "We don't necessarily enjoy writing tickets. But we have a zero tolerance policy toward that type of behavior."
>
> **Ethan Thibault,**
> Burlington City Police Officer

> "When the cop came over, he was really rude. He didn't even tell us to be quiet, we just got a $300 fine."
>
> **Eric Rowe,**
> UVM Senior

As Friday night turns into Saturday morning, and Saturday night into Sunday morning, hundreds of students from colleges in downtown Burlington fill the streets.

Burlington residents have complained about the amount of noise generated by college students, according to Burlington Police.

Officer Ethan Thibault of the Burlington Police said students need to be more respectful of their surroundings.

"The biggest problem with college students is their lack of concern with other folks' lives," Thibault said.

C.J. Stroup, a senior at Champlain College, moved to Pearl Street this fall. Stroup said he drinks and goes out on the weekends. Although he said he hasn't received any complaints, some of his friends have.

"It's really annoying when people here complain," Stroup said, "It's a college town. (Residents) should know what's going to go on."

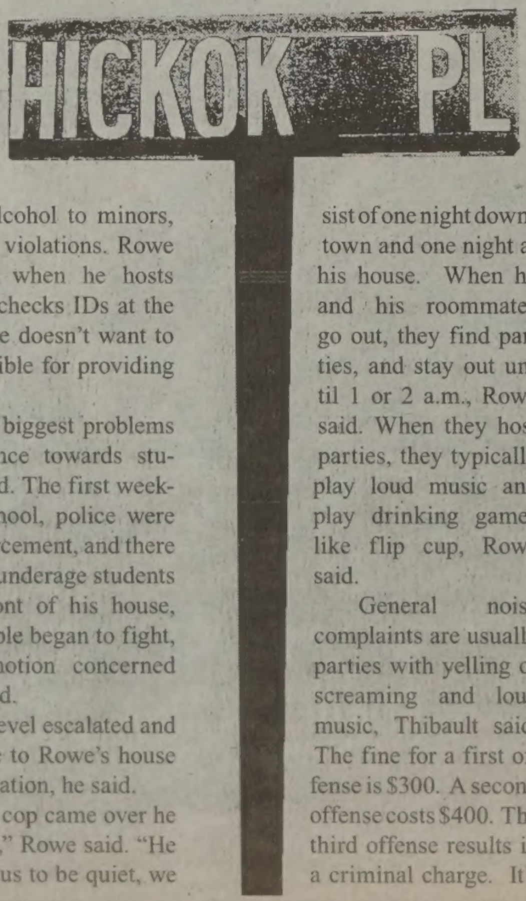
Burlington Police officers are strict with their ordinances, Thibault said.

"We understand that (it's a college town), but the residents don't want that type of behavior to be tolerated," Thibault said.

Eric Rowe, a senior from the University of Vermont, lives on Buell Street with seven roommates. He said he hasn't personally received complaints by his neighbors, but the police have been called to his house.

"Our neighbors don't complain," Rowe said. "They just call the police and the police come."

House parties tend to attract large groups of underage students drinking, Rowe said, and a renter can also be fined for providing alcohol to minors, on top of noise violations. Rowe said especially when he hosts keg parties, he checks IDs at the door, because he doesn't want to be held responsible for providing to minors.



One of the biggest problems is police violence towards students, Rowe said. The first weekend back at school, police were tightening enforcement, and there were groups of underage students drinking in front of his house, Rowe said. People began to fight, and the commotion concerned residents, he said.

The noise level escalated and the police came to Rowe's house to settle the situation, he said.

"When the cop came over he was really rude," Rowe said. "He didn't even tell us to be quiet, we just got a $300 fine."

Police demanded entry to the house, and Rowe said he knew the police had no right to enter, and told them to get lost. The next thing he knew, Rowe said, an officer slammed him up against his house and handcuffed him. Police issued a $300 ticket to the eight roommates and one roommate had to serve three hours of community service, Rowe said.

"We don't necessarily enjoy writing tickets," Thibault said. "But we have a zero tolerance policy towards that type of behavior."

Stroup said a typical weekend consists of wandering the streets of downtown Burlington to look for parties. He said no one seems obnoxious or loud. Kids walk in groups and mind their own business.

Rowe said his weekends consist of one night downtown and one night at his house. When he and his roommates go out, they find parties, and stay out until 1 or 2 a.m., Rowe said. When they host parties, they typically play loud music and play drinking games like flip cup, Rowe said.

General noise complaints are usually parties with yelling or screaming and loud music, Thibault said. The fine for a first offense is $300. A second offense costs $400. The third offense results in a criminal charge. It's possible for students to serve jail time if consistent noise violations occur.

Rowe said College Street gets the most noise complaints because there is big student population living there. The police officers who monitor that area are a lot more lenient and only tell kids to quiet down, Rowe said. Officer Thibault said Green, Hickok, and Isham Streets are also all infamous for noise violations.

Photo Illustration by Meg Bookless

College students take to the streets every weekend to unwind after a tough week of classes and make their noisy way to bars and house parties. Police have responded with noise violations as high as $400.

The cost of noise pollution

Don't let your beer fund turn into a noise violation fund. The first offense is a $300 fine, followed by a $400 fine on the second offense, and a student could serve jail time for a third offense. Burlington Police Officer Ethan Thibault said parties with screaming and loud music usually result in noise violations.

Water pipe replaced in Lyons over break

By Haven Quinn
Senior Writer

A 50-year-old, four-inch wide iron water pipe was dug up and replaced in the ground outside Lyons on Monday, Oct. 9. The project, which cost roughly $25,000, was completed by a variety of Vermont companies and caused the water in Lyons to be shut off from 9 a.m. Monday until around 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

"The sprinkler system is required by the State to be tested each year, and although we passed, we were on the low end," Facilities Director Dave Cutler said. "The inside of the pipe was corroded with mineral deposit and was losing pressure each year, so when the opportunity to fix it came up, we did."

The job was projected to be finished on Monday, but additional time was needed, Cutler said. The water in Alumni Hall and in the Durick Library was temporarily shut off for a two-hour period around noon on Tuesday. Two port-o-potties were stationed outside the two side doors of Lyons for residents who decided to stay on campus over the Columbus Day break. Students were informed in a campus e-mail sent before break that the showers in Ross would be available.

"There was little impact on students," Cutler said. "We started the project at nine so students could get up and shower before we turned the water off. We hoped it would be done in a day but it wasn't the case. We tried not to make it an inconvenience."

First-year Lyons resident Erika Johnson said she stayed on campus over break.

"It seemed like a big deal when I found out I would have to walk over to Ross, but in all reality, it wasn't," Johnson said.

First-year soccer player Jenny Pietroski was also in Lyons over the break.

"I showered in a friend's dorm and used Poland Springs water I had for other things," Pietroski said.

The new iron pipe is coated in cement which won't allow minerals to build up, Cutler said. The pipe, which Cutler calls "the cat's meow," will reduce corrosion among the substances that build up. Cutler said his decision to spend the money came out of personal concern.

"The sprinkler system has never failed before, and even though we didn't, we still wanted the system to be at the top if there ever was a fire," Cutler said. "I'd rather go to bed knowing there is full pressure in the sprinkler system, than if we spent the money replacing carpet somewhere."

Security releases annual report

The following crimes, reportable under the Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, were reported to the campus security authority and/or referred for disciplinary action at St. Michael's College during the calendar years 2003-2005.

	2005				2004				2003			
	On Campus	Campus Residence	Non -Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Campus Reside nce	Non -Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Campus Residence	Non-Campus	Public Property
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Forcible	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Burglary	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violation	374	362	0	0	333	292	0	2	448	363	0	2
Drug Law Violation	113	108	0	0	91	87	0	0	94	86	0	0
Weapon Law Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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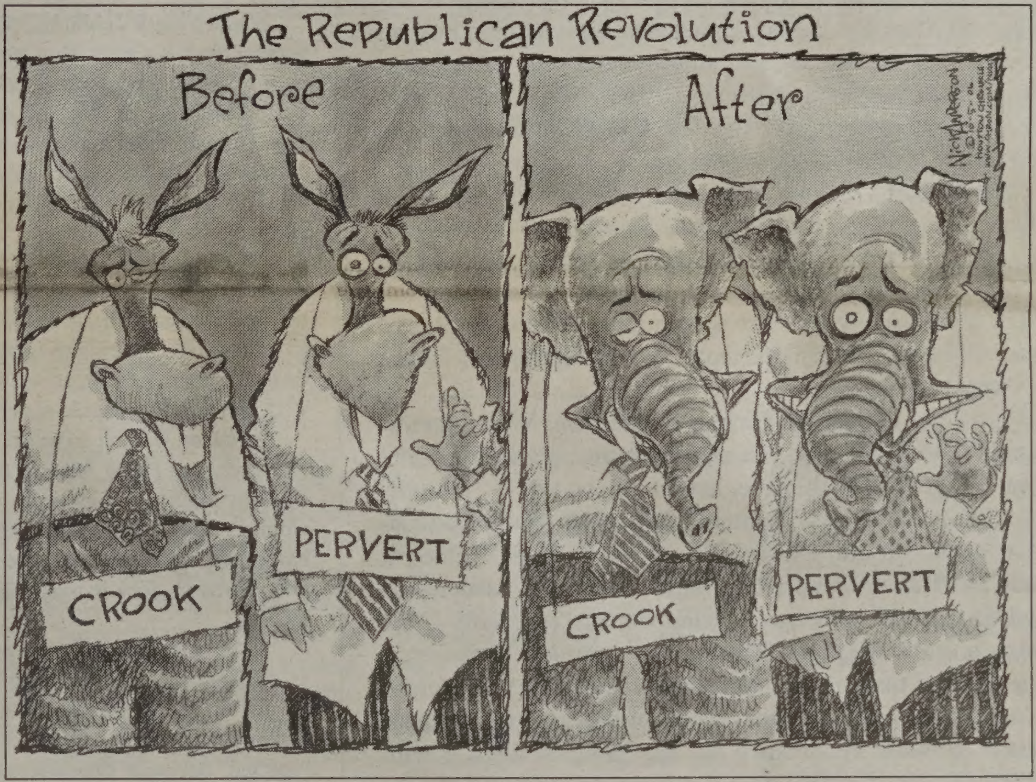

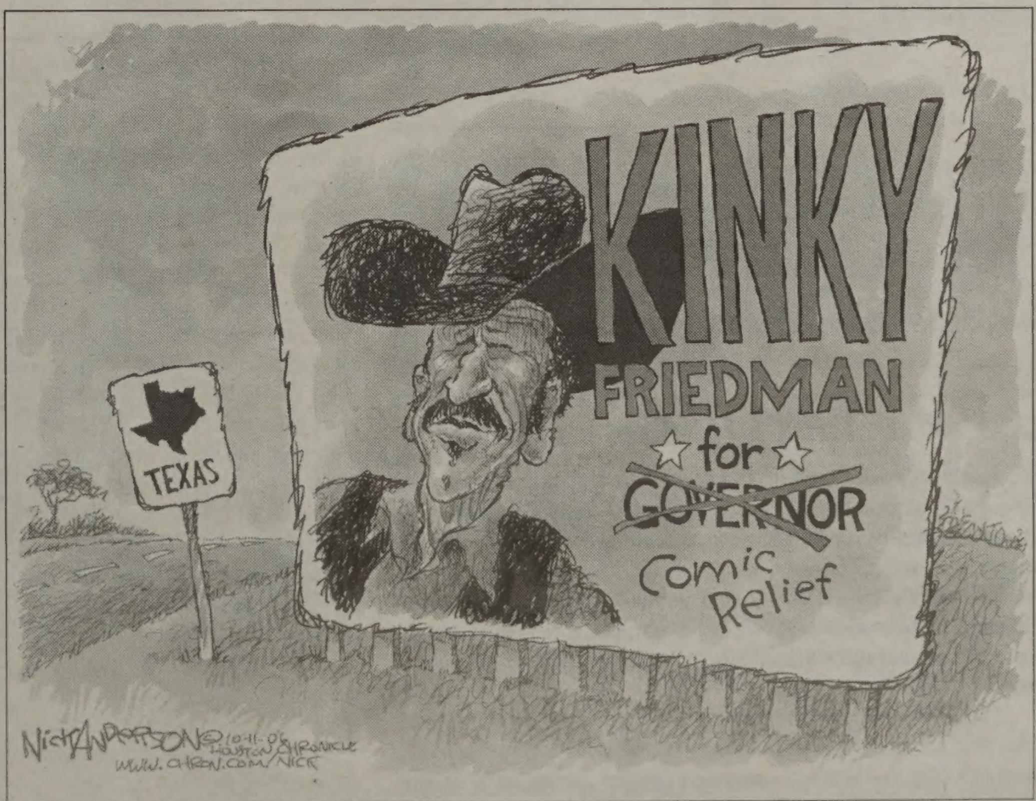

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Editorial

TV targeting tragedy

During the disappearance of UVM senior Michelle Gardner-Quinn, national TV media corporations turned their cameras on the quintessentially quaint Green Mountain State. In addition to local media, the story of her kidnapping was carried by CNN, MSNBC and Fox News, and with each passing day for about a week, media coverage surged as hopes that the student would return safely waned. The search for Gardner-Quinn ended Friday, Oct. 13, when her body was found among the fallen, autumn leaves in the Richmond woods.

For Gardner-Quinn's family and friends, this past week must have been one of hellish anguish. For Vermonters, it was a time to find the missing student and revisit safety precautions. For the national media, it was a chance to show another victimized, pretty, white, college girl and exploit her tragedy to boost ratings.

At the end of 2005, the FBI's National Crime Information Center recorded 109,531 active missing persons. Even a network broadcasting 24-hours a day couldn't cover every missing person and everything else in the world, but the people whom the national TV networks decide to make unwitting celebrities follow an obvious, disturbing trend.

In May 2005, 18-year-old Natalee Holloway disappeared in Aruba. Blond-haired and blue-eyed, Holloway dominated the TV news, and suspicions of possible rape and murder were rehashed across the networks well into May 2006.

Before Holloway, in 2003, there was the rescue of 19-year-old Army Pvt. Jessica Lynch, who was captured by Iraqi forces after her convoy was attacked and most of her crew was killed. Accounts of her rescue, however, were conflicting and apparently distorted to better portray the heroism and competence of American troops.

Pvt. Lori Piestewa, who was killed in the attack on Lynch's convoy, was a 23-year-old woman, but she was also a single mother of two and an American Indian. She was the first American Indian woman to be killed in combat on foreign soil. And yet her story was trumped by an exaggerated one. Piestewa didn't fit the mold TV news created for female victims of violence.

In July, 18-year-old Nathan Currie from West Charleston, Vt., went missing. He's still missing. You won't find him on national TV news, either.

The national media's interest in Gardner-Quinn's abduction wasn't an effort to fulfill a public service. Rather, it was an effort to pander to a dark obsession it assumes its public has with kidnapped young women, especially if the story presents the possibility of rape or murder. In this case, the national media would have done better to further pursue North Korea's nuclear experiments or the hundreds of thousands of Iraqis killed since the beginning of the war with Iraq.

Gardner-Quinn's death is a tragedy for her family, friends and neighbors. Let's not let her death become the newest national sensation.

— Matt Ryan,
executive editor

Letters to the editor

What's your view? Send a letter of 250 words or less to the editor on any subject related to St. Michael's College by e-mail at defender@smcvt.edu. Hope to hear from you soon.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK | Alvin, Cashman, Theodore

Photo by Meg Bookless

A chimpmunk grapples with the carpet beneath the furniture in the Great Room of Cashman Hall.

Letters to the Editor

Monty's column a 'shot' at Islam

Lynn Monty's column, "Dude, your underwear rocks," was a cheap shot against Islam. I'm not sure of what her religious beliefs are, but there is no reason to mock those of others, putting phrases "the United States must go away" because it is too "tempting," in the mouths of Muslim men. In fact, most of the Middle East doesn't care about America, and they don't find our ways "tempting."

The fact that men in America have been disciplined to behave around half-naked women isn't necessarily a good thing, and it isn't really something to be respected. Freedom is something everyone in this country should be grateful to have, I agree, but with this freedom should also come understanding.

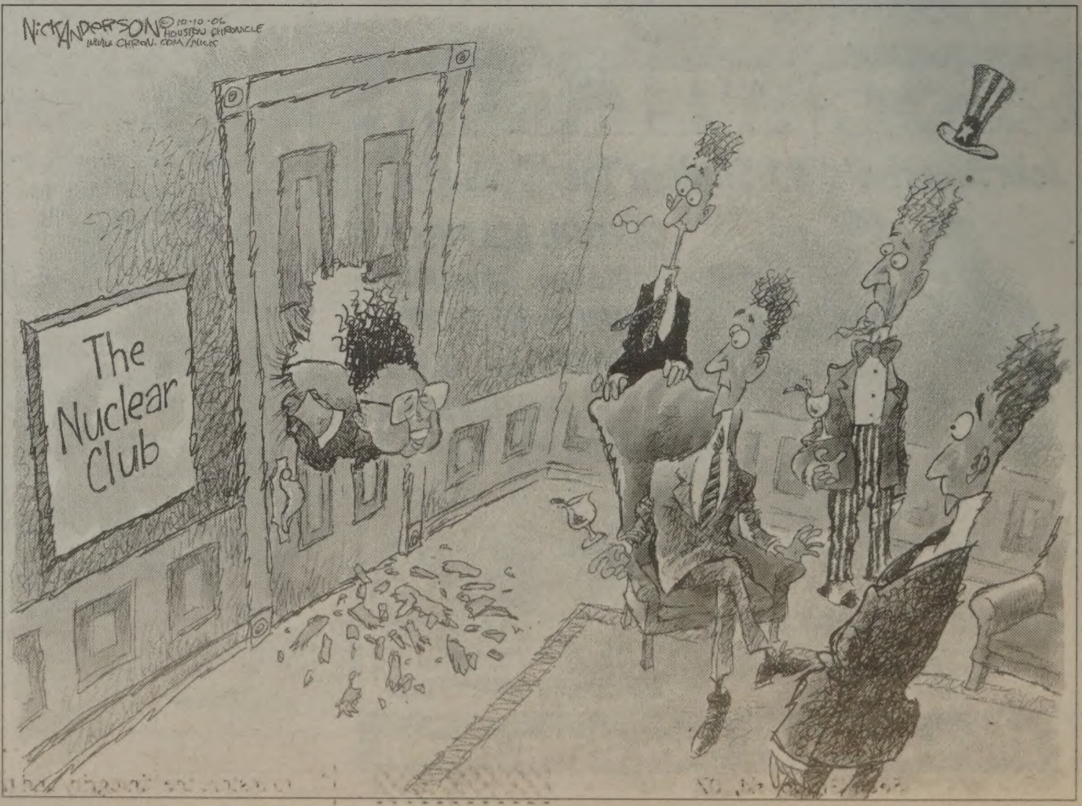
In Islam, women do wear coverings, that is true. However, not every Islamic theocracy requires it. In many places, and according to the Quran, it is a woman's choice. The abaya or hijab, among its other names, represents that you are saving your body for your husband alone in a marriage that is recognized by God.

It is true that in some extremist areas, such as Afghanistan, that wearing a complete covering is required. However, Monty's column only generalized Muslim countries and their apparently "spoiled" behavior. One can never really understand Islam unless one is a part of it. Not everyone in the Middle East feels oppressed, or that they have a lack of "freedom." This is the way they choose to live, according to their customs and their religious beliefs. Attacking the Middle East for political reasons is far more understandable than mocking and attacking their culture and religion.

As far as the analogy with "Mr. Middle Class America" and "Mr. Islamic Theocracy" goes, "Mr. Islamic Theocracy" is the stereotype every Middle-Eastern-American is fighting against in today's society. Islamic theocracies don't want to blow up everything that reminds them of the West.

Perhaps if the West didn't get itself involved in other countries' business, bombings wouldn't be such a problem. And as far as terrorism goes, judging all Islamic communities based on al-Qaeda and September 11th is like judging all Americans by Timothy McVeigh. They are not all terrorists, nor do they hate America, and if they weren't being disrespected at every turn by the rest of the world, perhaps we could be part of the "great mosaic" that Monty speaks of.

— **Faith Savill**
Class of 2010



Campus SPEAKS

If you could switch places with a professor for one day, who would you choose and why?

"Trish Siplon, because she saves the world and travels."

Leah Jeffries, '07

"Professor Grover, because I get to talk about politics."

Ryan LaRochelle, '10

"Ari Kirshenbaum, because he's the man and he knows a lot about psych."

Moriah Baribeau, '09

"Ray Patterson, because he makes class fun and exciting."

Michael Amalfitano, '08

"Professor Nicosia, because he is on sabbatical in Berlin right now."

Guarino, '07

"Will Marquess, just so I can wear sneakers to class every day."

Chris Gosselin, '09

"Joseph Ferdinand, because he can speak French really well."

Gabrielle Mailloux, '10

"Professor Pillay, because my day wouldn't be too hard because he's very organized."

Sean Grabowski, '07

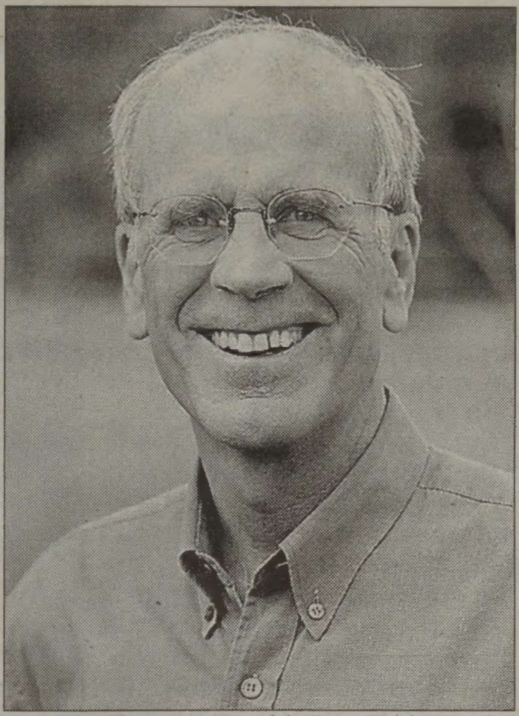


Photo courtesy of the Peter Welch campaign

Peter Welch is the Democratic candidate in the race. He is a state senator for Windsor County.

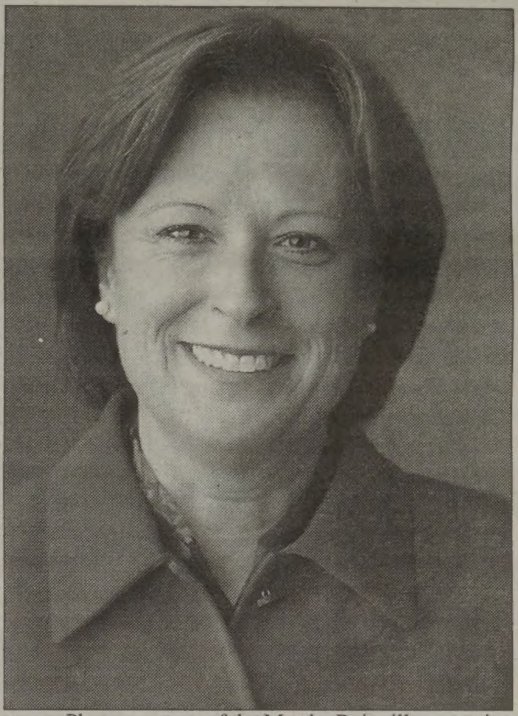


Photo courtesy of the Martha Rainville campaign

Martha Rainville, the Republican candidate was the adjutant general of the Vermont National Guard.

The race to the House

Welch and Rainville compete for the sole Vermont seat

By Sheila Catanzarita
Staff Writer

The mid-term elections are right around the corner, and Democrat Peter Welch will be facing Republican Martha Rainville in the run for the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 7.

Welch is the state senator for Windsor County in Vermont and Rainville was the former adjutant general of the Vermont National Guard.

"As the senate president in Vermont, Welch saw first-hand the damage being done to the state by the Republican Congress," said Andrew Savage, communications director for Peter Welch. "We need a Democratic Congress to change direction and offer experience and energy."

To achieve his goal of taking America in a new direction, Welch will utilize his "six pillars of change," that can be found on his Web site.

Included in his "six pillars of change" is to demand from the President a plan to get out of Iraq, modify Medicare part D, and raise the Federal minimum wage to Vermont's level, which is $7.25.

"It is the duty of the President to provide Americans with a plan for returning responsibility of Iraq to the Iraqis and to bring our troops home," Welch said in a statement to The Burlington Free Press. "The war in Iraq is making us less safe, not more."

Welch plans to take policy he made in Vermont and apply it to law in Washington, D.C. He advocates "the common sense principle that everyone deserves access to health care and everyone contributes to its costs," Welch stated on his Web site.

Martha Rainville is running to restore the "integrity and trust" of the American people, said Brendan McKenna, Rainville's communications director.

"I just have heard of them from what I've seen on TV, from all the commercials, that's it."

Emily Rabe,
First-year student

Rainville wants to get the troops in Iraq home safely, McKenna said, regarding Rainville's stance on the war in Iraq.

"Martha wants to get them home as soon as possible, nobody wants them home more than she does," McKenna said. "However, in doing so, she also wants to leave disaster behind us, and make sure the Iraqi people have a safe and secure land when we leave."

Health care is another issue Rainville said she will work to improve if she is elected.

"She wants to make sure all Americans have access to affordable, high-quality health care," McKenna said.

Rainville will work to make "real" reforms to health care by lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and permit all Vermonters to obtain health insurance across state lines, McKenna said.

"None of these steps are the final answers," McKenna said. "They will just help to bring down the cost of health care."

Rainville sees foreign policy and national security as two of the nation's most important issues, McKenna said.

Although the issues the candidates are working to change and improve concern all Vermonters, some St. Michael's students are not informed about the candidates running for the House. Some were unaware of the upcoming election.

Campaign Information

► Peter Welch:
www.welchforcongress.com
Or call: 802.861.2728

► Martha Rainville:
www.martharainville.com
Or call: 802.878.9682

First-year Emily Rabe said she didn't know much about the candidates at all.

"I just have heard of them from what I've seen on TV, from all the commercials, that's it," Rabe said.

Senior Brian Plante said he was also unsure about the election and candidates.

"I know that Martha Rainville is a Republican and Peter Welch is a Democrat," Plante said. "That's all I know."

However, not all St. Michael's students are uninformed.

Junior Ashley Wheeler volunteers on Bernie Sander's senate campaign.

"I have a good grasp of both candidates," Wheeler said. "I'm impressed by Rainville's military background, but I think there needs to be a definite change in Washington, and electing a Republican will not allow for that change, even if she says she will be nonpartisan or not."

HOROSCOPES

By Haven Quinn

LIBRA: (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Black and white parties are the new thing these days. Just make sure you wear black or white, and never drink out of a cup if you're wearing white. You will always spill on yourself.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Everyone can stop asking for cool horoscopes now. The Yankees got eliminated. That should make everyone happy.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Christmas is just around the corner and I'm sure grandma would like to see you in a nice holiday sweater. So head downtown and find the ugliest one. I'm sure she'll love it.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Lying down on the sidewalk is generally not a good idea. You never know when someone is going to walk all over you.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
With baseball spring training right around the corner, now is the time to start warming up that arm. Grab some empties and start throwing them at the microwave. See if you can hit the button that opens it. If you can, you might be looking at a spot in the rotation.

PISCES: (Feb. 19-March 20)
Go up to one of your friends and make one of the following favorite animal sounds. Roof. Oink. Raw. Meow. Any of them will sure make your friends feel awkward.

ARIES: (March 21-April 19)
Wear heels or boots when you want to kick someone in the leg. Either one will make the person appreciate you more.

TAURUS: (April 20-May 20)
My magic ball tells me you've been doing a lot of work and people are being mean to you. It's always good to let loose a little bit and don't be afraid to ask for help. Someone is always willing to drop what they're doing for you.

GEMINI: (May 21-June 20)
Frisbee is an option for women's soccer players if they are interested in playing a sport where winning doesn't matter.

CANCER: (June 21-July 22)
See how much of your roomate's food you can eat in one night before he notices. Be careful though, payback is always worse than you think.

LEO: (July 23-Aug. 22)
Start wearing a rain coat when you go to parties. You never know when you're going to get beer spilled on you, a pot of water dumped on you, or a trash can dumped on you. They say when it rains it pours, so be prepared.

VIRGO: (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
If you've had a rough night of parting and you aren't feeling well, just let go of your stomach in your bed. Just make sure to thank your friends the next day after they wash your sheets.

Confessions of an alpine climber

John Varco prepares students for their next big adventure

By Ashley Leavy
Staff Writer

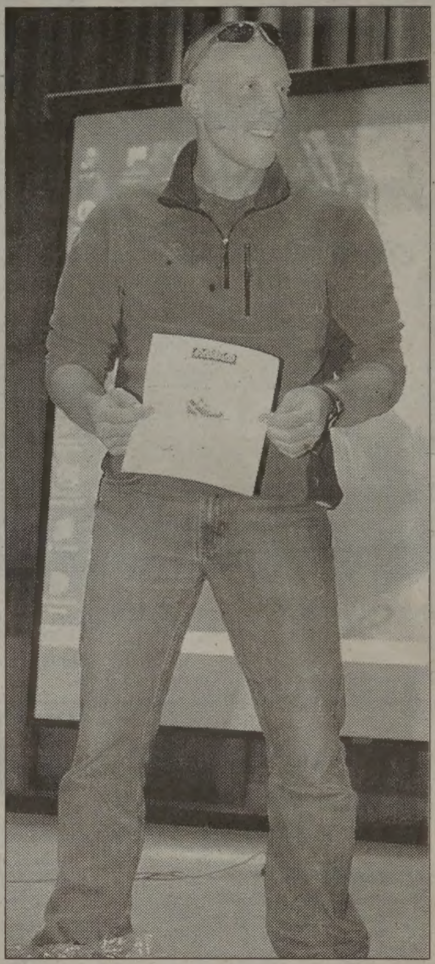


Photo by Meg Bookless
John Varco has been climbing for 16 years.

About 70 people piled into the McCarthy Arts Center to see a multimedia slide show of professional alpine climber John Varco's recent excursions to Alaska and the Himalayas on Friday, Oct. 13.

Varco has been climbing for 16 years, and is currently touring colleges throughout New England where he is showing his multi-media slide show.

"The project is in its grass-roots stage," Varco said. " I want to share these experiences with people who love the outdoors."

The purpose of the slide show was to get everyone psyched for their next big adventure, Varco said.

One of Varco's inspirations was his climbing partner and fiancée, Sue Nott, who was killed in an accident with her climbing partner last spring.

Nott always lived big and would often say, "once you get to the top, keep climbing," Varco said.

Varco said he has been in many difficult situations since he started climbing. He's had a rock fall and split his face open, and once lost 22 pounds while surviving several days on packages of Ramen noodles and candy bars. Varco has also climbed through Alaska in temperatures of 62-degrees below zero.

Despite all the hardships he has faced, every experience has been rewarding and helps him define his levels of comfort, Varco said.

The show was sponsored by the St. Michael's Wilderness Program, the University of Vermont's Outing Club, and Mountain Hardwear, a company that makes outdoor clothing, tents, sleeping bags and packs, said Eben Widlund, assistant director of the Wilderness program.

"The main purpose of the show was for entertainment," Widlund said.

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> **John Varco,**
> Alpine climber

> "I'm living the dream. You could die everyday by not living."
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Some of the companies that sponsor Varco's expeditions are Mountain Hardwear, Black Diamond and High Gear.

"I liked it," Junior Andrew Reid said of the event. "Varco was very funny. He talked down about his excursions, even though they were so intense," he said.

After he finishes the college tour, Varco's next expedition will be to Europe. Next spring he will be going back to Alaska and then to the Himalayas in the fall.

Despite the danger in his job, Varco said he doesn't see a downside to it.

"I'm living the dream," Varco said. "You could die every day by not living."

Tom Bessette: The voice over the phone

SAINT MICHAEL'S PEOPLE

By Anna Jamieson

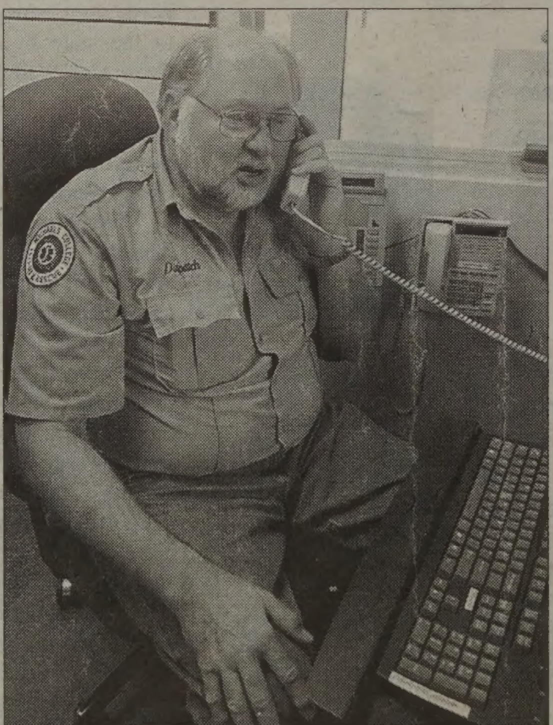

Photo by Meg Bookless
Tom Bessette takes between 175 and 300 calls per shift.

Tom Bessette is the coordinator of switchboard and dispatch services.

He has been married to his wife JoAnne for 40 years, and has three daughters and a grandson.

How long have you worked at St. Michael's?
I've worked here for seven years. All in-coming phone calls come through here.

How many phone calls do you answer on a regular work day?
There were 6,200 calls from Sept. 13 through Oct. 9. I average about 175 to 300 calls in an eight-hour shift. That's from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and that's just telephone calls. We also dispatch for Fire and Rescue, security, physical plant and student life. We do over 3,000 ambulance calls to the surrounding community.

Do you use the phone a lot at home?
No. I stay away from the phone at home.

Where did you work before St. Michael's?
I worked 26 years at Trinity College in Burlington as director of safety and security. That was a very nice school. Their focus was on women and higher education. My three daughters had degrees from there. After Trinity closed, I was offered a position by Peter Soons, the director of safety and security here.

I've also been in politics. Currently I am the health officer and vice chairman of Champlain Water District Commission, representing the town of Shelburne. I've lived in Shelburne my whole life.

What do you like to do outside of work?
A hobby I have is photography. I go out and take interesting pictures.

I love to travel. My wife and I take cruises and travel to the Carribean, Alaska. We've been in about 34 of the states.

What is your favorite place to travel to?
The Grand Canyon is the most beautiful place I've ever seen. We've visited there.

If you could have any job you wanted, what would it be?
I love what I'm doing now because I like to work with young adults. I love to meet people.

Vermont senatorial candidates vie for votes

Bernie Sanders and Richard Tarrant run for a place in Washington, D.C.

By Kelley Ruch
Staff Writer

St. Michael's alumnus and Republican candidate Richard Tarrant will face Independent candidate Bernie Sanders in the Nov. 7 senate race.

Sanders is leading the polls with an estimated 61 percent of the votes to Tarrant's 33, according to www.electoral-vote.com

Sanders made history as the first independent elected to congress in 40 years when he was sworn into office in January, 1991. He has since been re-elected seven times, making him the longest-serving Independent in the history of the House of Representatives.

Tarrant is the co-founder of IDX Systems, a technology company specializing in health care applications. Based out of South Burlington, IDX Systems currently serves over 300 hospitals, 150,000 doctors and 80 percent of America's academic medical institutions.

"This is not a traditional election," said sophomore Nick Smith, a Tarrant campaign representative on campus. "You have a Republican running against an Independent."

Education is an important issue in many elections, and this one is no exception.

"Bernie is concerned about higher education," junior Ashley Wheeler said. Wheeler is a volunteer for the Sanders' senate campaign and has been working as a representative since January.

"As a Vermont student, I could have gone to UVM for next to nothing compared to the tuition at St. Mike's," Wheeler said. "Bernie realizes that students are having a hard time paying for higher education."

Being a student at St. Michael's has helped increase junior Ben Clark's understanding of the cost of higher education, he said. Clark said he was glad to see Sanders targeting the issue in his campaign, Clark said.

Tarrant said he wants to improve higher education to produce more jobs.

"I have a selfish reason for wanting to create more jobs in Vermont," Tarrant said in an interview that can be found on his web site, www.tarrant06.com. "I want to make sure that my grandchildren stay here in Vermont. It's no secret that kids between the ages of 20 and 30 regularly leave Vermont to find quality jobs somewhere else."

Another heated issue this election is health insurance.

Tarrant wants to push for a free-market-based system. This would mean the uninsured, small business owners and farmers would be able to opt into the Medicare system and be charged a premium based on their ability to pay, according to his Web site.

Sanders has written legislature that could potentially lower the price of medicine in the U.S. by 30 to 50 percent and lay the groundwork for strong prescription drug benefits under Medicare.

"I came from hard working, middle class parents who worked hard to have the wealth they have now," Wheeler said. "(Sanders) will always be for the underdog, will always be for the people I'm a part of.

"If I were to disagree with a specific vote he passed or view he holds, I wouldn't hold that against him. I admire Bernie for being an Independent and being one of the only people to stand up to those running our nation."

Although Tarrant has a lot of background in the health care policy, some students question his ability to lead the state in the right political direction, Clark said.

"Tarrant is a business man but I'm not sure what political experience he has," Clark said. "Sanders is versed in the issues."

A detailed health care plan written by Tarrant can be found on his Web site.

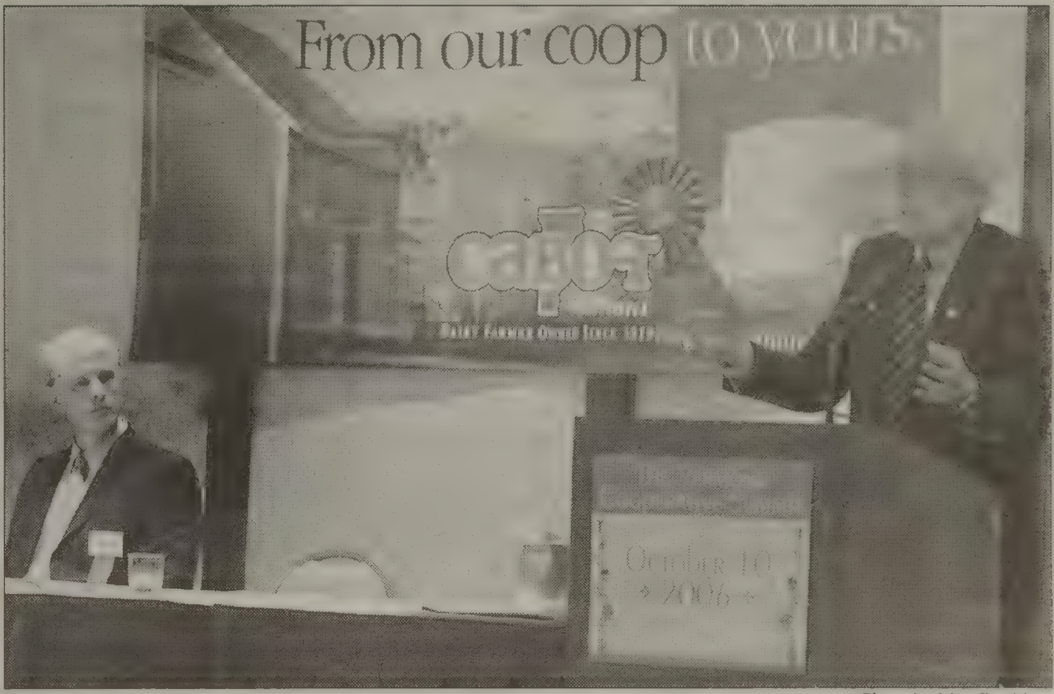

Photo by Meg Bookless

Richard Tarrant (left) and Bernie Sanders both spoke at the Vermont Cooperative Summit on Oct. 10.

Campaign Information

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They do it with the lights on

Stage company's performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" fills McCarthy

By Sarah Coghlan
Staff Writer

Students and faculty waited for the doors of the McCarthy Recital Hall to open on Thursday, Oct. 12, to watch the Blackfriar's Stage Company perform Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This event was open and free to the public.

The company greeted the audience with an explanation of their intent by cracking jokes appealing to the college audience.

"Ladies, gentlemen, students of all majors," actor Tyler Moss said. "We do it with the lights on."

The tale of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" tells the adventures of four young lovers and a small group of amateur actors, like their interactions with fairies that inhabit a mystical forest.

With support from the Student Association and the English Department, English professor Nick Clary is largely responsible for the Blackfriar's Stage Company's annual presentation on campus.

Clary said he came upon the Blackfriar's Stage Company 15 years ago while looking for a good traveling Shakespeare show. The group, formerly called the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express, was in contact with Clary, who added the group to St. Michael's performance schedule.

This performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was the Blackfriar's Stage Company's 16th performance at St. Michael's, Clary said.

The group focuses on the original staging practices of Shakespeare such as universal lighting, doubling, gender confusion, sets, costuming and music.

"I think this company appeals to this type of crowd," sophomore theater and French major Miryam Andrews-Ohlman said. "They are just so much fun. It's tough to find really good Shakespeare performers."

Sophomore Gary DuBreuil, a theater and English major, agreed with Andrews-Ohlman.

"We are the perfect atmosphere for that sort of thing. We're small, we pack the house consistently, and we have people that are interested in the material and who are excited and avid about it," DuBreuil said.

The company's catch phrase, "we do it with the lights on," is enough to appeal to college students. Their fresh attitude explains the large turnout the Blackfriar's Stage Company receives each year at St. Michael's.

"This company keeps in mind college audiences, that's who they are playing for," DuBreuil said.

The company performs with all of the lights on, which allows actors to make direct eye contact with audience members. This is not typical of most theater performances, DuBreuil said.

"Everyone is going through the show together," DuBreuil said. "There is no separation between audience and cast. They are doing it with you."

Clary said he hopes this approach engages young audience members.

"There are a real sense of 'esprit de corps' and a great sense of mission, to bring Shakespeare to young people," Clary said. "They feel connected to the audience."

During this year's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the audience clapped, sang and laughed out loud while making eye contact with the actors on stage.

Clary said he hopes that students required to attend the event will develop an appreciation for live theater.

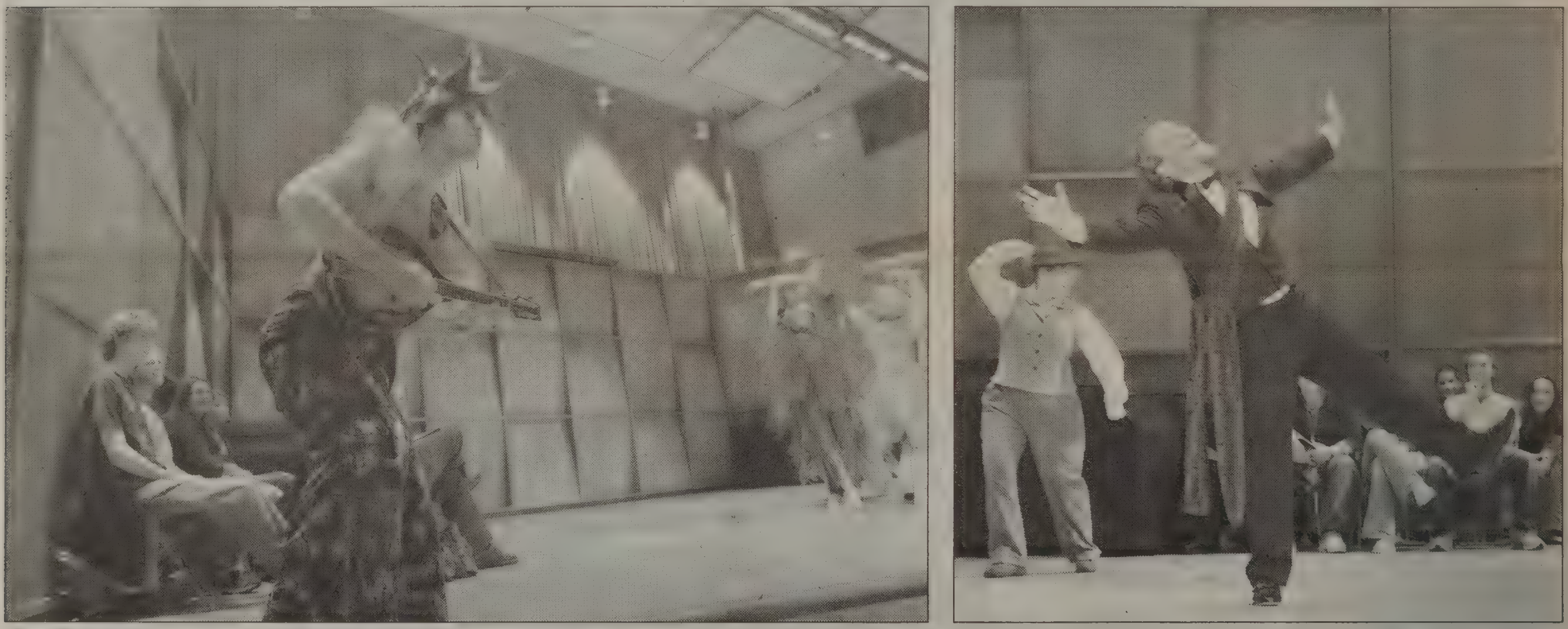
"In this day and age, live theater has a hard time," Clary said. "If a company like this can get four people turned on to live theater, it is a major triumph."

The company's ability to appeal to young minds draws a large crowd annually, Clary said.

"This show was almost full, it's almost always that way," Clary said. "Last year we had people sitting in the aisle. I never worry about getting the house full." Even with little advertising, students flocked to see the play. "We just can't advertise anymore. We don't have a big enough house."

Clary said because there is such a strong audience response, the company will continue to perform annually at St. Michael's.

"It just made me laugh and laugh," Andrews-Ohlman said. "Most Shakespeare can't do that for me."



Photos by Meg Bookless

A group of actors from the Blackfriar's group recite lines from Shakespeare in the McCarthy Arts Center. The actors above were adorned in colorful fairy costumes, fitting for the show.

Plans for Ziggy to play at fall concert fall through

By Courtney Lamdin
Staff Writer

For the St. Michael's College Student Association, Sept. 20 was the day the music died.

It was on this day that the S.A. and administration mutually cancelled the Ziggy Marley concert because it was scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7. Now S.A. members are again looking for a fall concert artist.

"We were really excited to get Ziggy," said Alex Monahan, co-secretary of programming for the S.A.

"We had a great deal, but we kind of expected it to be rejected."

S.A. President Arly Scully said the cancellation is disappointing, but it is not the administration's fault.

"You want to point fingers," she said, "except we can only point them toward the day-of-the-week calendar that we learned in kindergarten."

Mike Samara, vice president of student affairs, confirmed that the date, which was a Tuesday and also election night, was the main reason the concert bid was vetoed.

"It is an academic day," Samara said. "Concerts and big social events should be on weekends."

"It's not that we're too parental," said Jennie Cernosia, director of student activities, "but it might take away or detract from academic purposes."

Monahan said students were expectedly upset, citing an e-mail sent to students in May, which garnered an excited reply to the Marley proposal.

Christine Hultgren, co-secretary of programming for the S.A., said only 20 of the 300 responses were negative.

"Students had issues with the genre because it's like hip hop," Hultgren said.

To combat this, the S.A. has tried to book different types of artists, Hultgren and Monahan said. Some on this list were Matisyahu, a Hasidic Jewish rap artist, The Killers, a popular rock band and alternative rock artist, Beck. All proved to be too expensive.

"That totally blew-up over the summer," Hultgren said about Matisyahu. "It ended up being pretty expensive."

Both secretaries said the programming office is allotted $100,000 of the S.A.'s $400,000 budget per year. The money is used for dances, clubs, weekend events, and P-Day.

"We definitely don't want to sacrifice (P-Day)," Monahan said. He said special events might be cut if more than $50,000 was spent on a concert bid.

Also, $10,000 to $20,000 must be tacked-on to cover lighting, security overtime, and publicity, S.A. President Arly Scully said.

"It's a matter of the magic formula which is time, money and desirability," Scully said. "Usually one (of those factors) gets screwed up."

Cernosia added availability, luck, and location to Scully's formula.

"Vermont is off the beaten path," Cernosia said. "We're not on the tour."

In addition, Ross Sports Center limits the desirability of the college because it fits only 3,200 people, Cernosia said.

Monahan said Ross is shared with athletic teams, presenting additional scheduling problems.

To help with scheduling, the S.A. works with Alex Crothers, an agent from Higher Ground, a music venue in Burlington.

"He knows the music business, he knows what sells in Burlington," Cernosia said. "He's always worked hard on our behalf and kept students in the forefront."

Hultgren and Monahan give Crothers wish lists of artists to "guess and check" if any of them can be booked, Hultgren said.

"I'm always pushing for Tom Petty, but it's not going to happen," Hultgren said.

Hultgren said Hootie and the Blowfish and Jimmy Buffet have been discussed, but those bands are totally and completely out of reach.

"It's frustrating when a student says, 'bring the Dave Matthews Band,'" Hultgren said. "It's not like Dave's my buddy."

Monahan said he is confident there will be a fall concert, while Hultgren said there are contingency plans in the works.

"There will be a show in December," Hultgren said. "But it's a surprise."

WWPV brings Coffeehouse and more

By Mary Cate Connors
Staff Writer

Photos by Katie Fournier

Ace Enders (left and below) and Bill Lugg of The Early November played two songs and answered questions. The interview can be heard on the WWPV Web site and is also linked on the site of the band's record label, Drive Thru Records, www.drivethrurecords.com.

St. Michael's can expect to hear quality music at least once a month in Eddie's Lounge this year, because WWPV is now sponsoring Coffeehouse.

WWPV, the student-run radio station on campus, held the first Coffeehouse this year on Monday, October 2. The event was set-up and run by members of the WWPV staff and featured music played by students from St. Michael's and from the University of Vermont.

In past years, Coffeehouse was a club at St. Michael's that hosted performances and open mic events every month. This year, since the club's president went abroad, the Student Association designated WWPV to be in charge of running Coffeehouse. According to the station's music director, Jameson Aubut, the S.A. has provided a budget large enough to have a Coffeehouse event at least once a month.

Aubut was the first person to take the stage at the Cofeehouse. He played guitar and performed two emo songs and a Beatles cover.

"There was only about five of us there when it started," Aubut said. "No one wants to be the first one to show up."

More students gathered as the night wore on.

Sophomore Hana Glennon attended the Coffeehouse. She heard about the event while listening to WWPV and reading through the mass e-mails that were sent. Glennon said she was impressed with the number of students who showed up.

"Considering how people don't show up for anything at this school, there was a pretty good turnout for a Monday night," Glennon said.

Glennon said WWPV has exposed her to different genres of music and student performers that she most likely wouldn't have heard otherwise.

"They are a good way for students at this school to practice and showcase their music," Glennon said. "There's really no other outlet for that here."

Kurt Palermo has been WWPV's station manager for almost two years. Palermo said he has big plans for WWPV's future, though there have been some major hurdles in his way.

"Last year, all of our equipment got stolen," Palermo said. "And then our budget got cut."

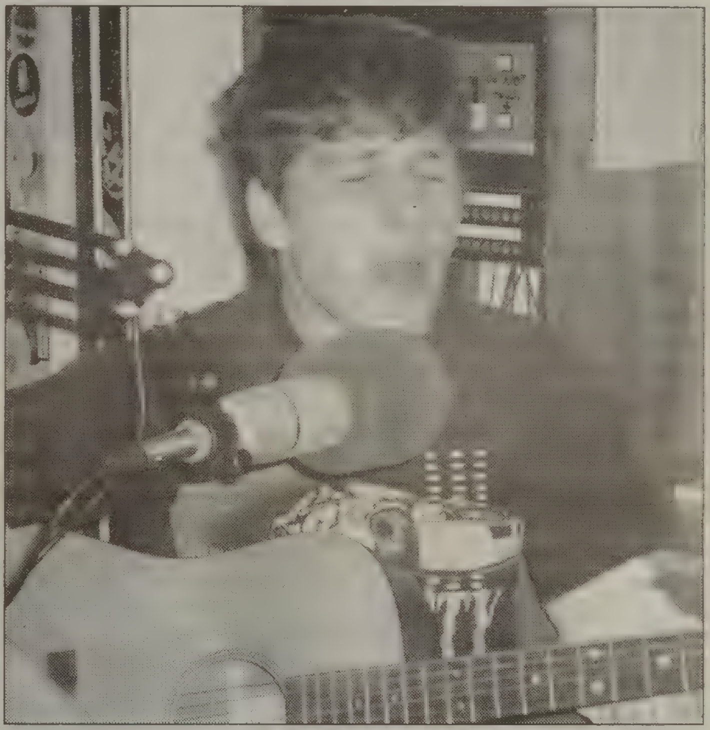
With the help of the S.A., the radio station was able to receive the funds necessary to recover from its loss. Palermo said his biggest goal is to get more involved on campus.

"I want WWPV to be synonymous with music on campus," he said.

Palermo said the campus has just recently begun to recognize WWPV as a valuable resource. This year alone, the station has worked with M.O.V.E., DJ'd an '80s dance, operated the sound for the Battle of the Bands, and hosted its first Coffeehouse.

WWPV encourages musicians to play on the radio where they can then hear a recording of their performance. Last year, the station bought a new sound board that can record music played in the studio. Local bands Japhy Ryder and The Early November, who played to a sold-out show at Higher Ground, recently played in the studio and used WWPV's new equipment.

Palermo said the station is in the process of scheduling more events, including Coffeehouses, for the upcoming year. "We have things in the works, events we're planning," Palermo said. "We're just firming up dates and seeing who can come."



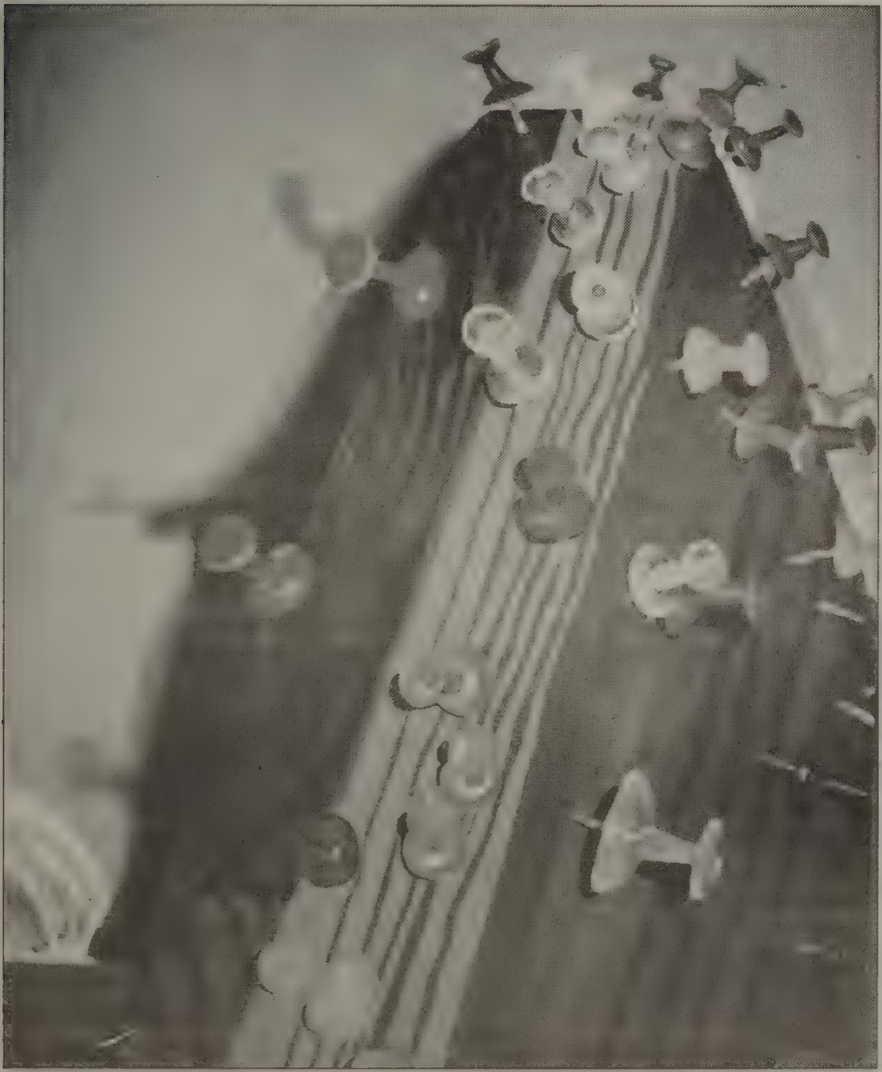


Photo by Erin Mooney

This painting of tacks was created by Mooney using acrylic paint on a canvas and was done during her first-year. It was modeled after a photograph she took.

The Talent Showcase

Revealing creative abilities of the student body

By Alyssa Baldino
A&E Editor

Name: Erin Mooney
Age: 20
Class: Junior
Major: Art and Education
Hometown: Barnstead, N.H.

How long have you been doing art?
I started taking art lessons in 4th grade. I've always known that I've wanted to do something with art.

What is your favorite type of art?
I really like abstract paintings. I also really like photography and how people can capture a moment and stop it.

Do you see yourself doing something with art in the future?
I can't see myself doing something without art. I either want to teach art, become an art therapist or be the next Jackson Pollock.

What sort of medium do you usually use?
I really enjoy drawing with pencil.

If you could have painted any famous work, what would it be?
A Picasso painting. I have one hanging in my room called "The Dance of the Youth." It's so simple, but it gives such a good message.

Who is your favorite artist and why?
Jackson Pollock. He came up with a new form of art. I thought it was cool how he created art without touching the canvas.

Does any of your own work have a message?
The tack painting has an emotional attachment. Pieces that I do on my own usually have emotional messages that are personal.

Is there something you want to paint that you haven't yet?
I want to draw my rearview mirror because you can see the inside of the car and what's in front of you. There would be so many angles in one painting.

If you could meet any artist who would it be and why?
Michelangelo, because he spent years painting the Sistine Chapel. Or Vincent Van Gogh because he cut off his ear.

If you could only listen to three CDs the rest of your life, what would they be?
"Under the Table and Dreaming," "Before These Crowded Streets" and "Busted Stuff," all by the Dave Matthews Band.

Express what you got

COLUMNS EDITOR

Lynn Monty

A few winters ago The Burlington Free Press ran a story about a young woman who took photographs of glittery, oversized, white, plastic balls scattered on the ice at Shelburne Bay. I couldn't understand why creating the illusion of an idyllic winter wonderland was important and the whole newspaper spread really ticked me off. This woman looked like a Barbie doll with her flawless blond hair and stark white outfit. Making real snowballs would have messed her up, I insolently thought at the time.

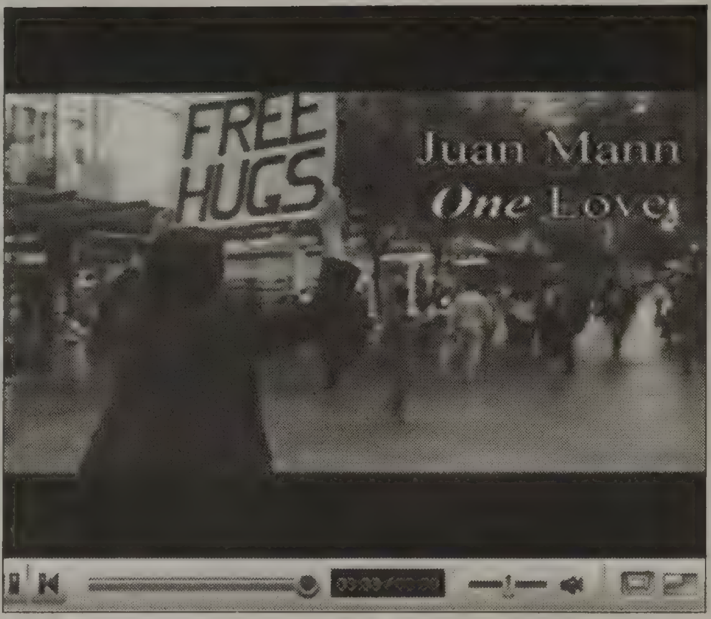
This faux snowball photographer came to mind when I saw the "Free Hugs Campaign" video on YouTube. In 2004, Juan Mann, held up a huge sign that read, "free hugs" at a mall in Sydney, Australia. Mann gained widespread attention offering his free hugs publicly and local authorities tried to have it banned. Mann collected 10,000 signatures successfully petitioning against the ban.

As it turns out, one of the people Mann hugged was Shimon Moore, the lead singer of the band Sick Puppies. Moore video taped Mann and put him on YouTube this year along with the Sick Puppies song "All the Same." The video is now an international sensation.

I am sure many are wondering why a guy like Mann would spend so much time offering free hugs and defending his right to do so, much as I wondered why a woman would spend so much time taking pictures of fake snowballs.

I am happy to announce, I get it now. The answer is freedom. It's about personal choice, spontaneity and fulfillment. For a long time I have taken my civil liberties for granted. Now I see they exist to protect people from government. As a journalism student I am taught to keep an eye on the government to ensure it doesn't abuse its power and unnecessarily interfere with the personal lives of its citizens.

The United Nation's Declaration of Human Rights defines the human rights that should be guaranteed to all people. Included are all the hot topics of the day, like freedom from torture and the right to social security. But we can't shove some human rights aside in an effort to get at the more serious ones. We shouldn't forget the importance of freedom of expression. This might sound funny coming from a columnist, but there is more to freedom of expression than our opinions and words.



See Juan Mann's Free Hug Campaign on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr3x_RRJdd4

Last summer I had the luxury of taking a well-deserved break from St. Michael's journalism boot camp. I painted for the first time in my life. I went to the library and took out books filled with pictures by famous artists like Picasso and Matisse and I made my own renditions of their masterpieces on glass.

I don't know why, I just felt like it.

Although my work was a far cry from the originals, it was a product of my spontaneous choice to express myself, and it turned out to be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences of my life. With a rejuvenated spirit, I came back to school ready to work hard at protecting the civil liberties of our nation.

President Dwight Eisenhower said, "Informed citizens are the guardian and spirit of democracy." While I might not be "decider" material (thank God), I am "informer" material. In the free societies of the world, we have the right to express ourselves in myriad ways and we all should take full advantage, encourage and protect that right. It makes no difference if we take pictures of plastic balls, paint nudes on glass, or make it our mission to offer a free hug with the hope of brightening someone's day. It's free expression and it's beautiful.

What's your view? If you'd like to respond or write your own column, write to lmonty@smcvt.edu. Send letters to the editor to defender@smcvt.edu.

Making a difference one community at a time

GUEST COLUMNIST

Kelsey Ayres

Every day I think about how lucky I am to live such a blessed life. I have food, shelter, clothing and a family that loves and supports me. I received a public education and opportunities for college. It's so easy to take these things for granted.

In many areas around the world, school is a dream. In the war-torn country of Sudan, only 33 percent of school-aged children have access to education and only 7 percent of the teachers are trained.

Northern Uganda is in a similar situation. Due to civil war, 60 percent of schools have been shut down, leaving 250,000 children without any education.

Part of understanding how lucky I am comes from knowing I am no more worthy of my blessings than any child living in Sudan, Uganda, Somalia, The Democratic Republic of Congo or any of the other war-torn, underdeveloped areas of the world.

I am one person and I don't have the ability to help all the children of the world; however, we can pool resources within St. Michael's and our greater community. This way we will be able to make a difference one community at a time.

When the film "Invisible Children" was shown on campus, it opened a lot of people's eyes to the suffering in the world. It effectively helped people realize there is something we can do about it. Three college students made this documentary and managed to educate millions of students across the country and raise millions of dollars to help the children of Uganda.

The letter writing campaign, initiated by the film, to U.S. senators, governors, and President Bush, had a very powerful impact on the Ugandan government, leading to the recently developed cease-fire and peace talks. The "Invisible Children" group is still working tirelessly to help provide education for all children affected by the war. Sufficient education is the only way for a country to rebuild and grow.

Professors Robert Lair and Adrie Kusserow, along with Sudanese refugees from around the U.S. started an initiative called NESEI, New Sudan Education Initiative. It is a non-profit organization whose main goal is to build 20 new secondary schools in southern Sudan. The Sudanese refugees were desperate to find a way to help their surviving relatives and community members still in Sudan. Setting up schools and adequate education will have the most lasting and beneficial results. NESEI is attempting to educate people about the war in Sudan and the devastating effects on the country and people. They hope to raise money through letter writing campaigns by students. In letters to all of their extended friends and families, students will ask for donations to support the cause. On Sunday, Oct. 22, there will be the letter writing campaign for all who wish to attend.

We must look out for each other. Had we not been born into this fortunate situation we could have been one of these unlucky children. It is too easy to go on with day-to-day tasks and forget some of the horror in the world. I urge you to remind yourself that you can make a difference. Just designating some of your time to signing your name on a letter asking your grandma for a donation is enough to make a difference. Every little bit counts.

Photo courtesy of Kelsey Ayres

These Sudanese boys may be able to attend school in southern Sudan because of the efforts by the New Sudan Education Initiative, a non-profit organization whose main goal is to build schools.

For more information contact kayres@smcvt.edu.

THE WAR THIS WEEK

Top news events from the war on terror

10/09	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15
Iraqi police issued new uniforms to stop death squads from dressing up as members of security forces.	An ammunition dump fire ignites in explosions at a U.S. base in southern Baghdad, sparked by mortar rounds fired by insurgents.	An estimated 655,000 Iraqis have died since 2003 according to a team of American and Iraqi public health researchers.	Police find 60 bodies in Baghdad.	Gunmen kill eight people in an attack on a satellite television channel in Baghdad.	A bomb explodes in a police station in the Iraq city of Hilla, killing the commander and one other officer.	A series of car bomb attacks in the Iraq city of Kirkuk kills eight people and injures dozens.

COLUMNS

Does Islam equal terrorism?

GUEST COLUMNISTS

Paul Molzon

Nicholas Stanton

Arguably, the most important subject today in politics across the world is how to deal with Islamic extremism. This is not just a problem concerning America and the West, but rather it is an increasingly dangerous problem throughout the world. Islamic extremists not only call for the killing of innocent civilians (infidels) but also call for the death of Muslims who are not practicing their type of violent extremism.

Additionally, violent extremism is not a new phenomenon, nor has it subsided since the horrific attacks on Sept. 11. For example, Islamic extremists bombed the U.S. Embassies in Lebanon, Kenya and Tanzania, and The World Trade Center in 1993, just to name a few. The list is long, and without regard to political foreign policy, and would have been much larger if not for intelligence and security forces. We have not seen a terror attack in the U.S. since Sept. 2001.

Some have claimed that our involvement in Iraq, and the Middle East in general, has resulted in terror. What about the attacks before the Iraq war? What about the bombings in Spain? What about attacks in countries that have no involvement in the Middle East? To say that the U.S. has somehow caused terrorism is just another example of blaming America for all the world's woes.

But are all Muslims terrorists? I don't believe this is true. There are plenty of practicing moderate Muslims all over the world—however, here in America, those moderates have liberties and rights not seen in many Middle Eastern countries. So then, why don't we hear more about true Islam from the moderate perspective? We only see car bombings and suicide missions in the news. One reason might be fear of violent repercussions from extremist Muslims. Extremists use fear as a way to force censorship throughout the world. How many media outlets posted Danish cartoons? They may have been offensive, but I've been offended to see the Virgin Mary covered in animal dung for the sake of art, and you didn't see violent Catholics running rampant in the street burning down buildings after the media publicized those pictures. Violent Muslims have won the battle of censorship.

Maybe moderate Muslims just don't have a venue to explain to the world what true Islam is about (peace, I am told). So thanks to the new campaign of the Got S.K.I.L.L.S. program, St. Michael's had the opportunity to hear a seemingly moderate Muslim, Sheik Yusuf Estes, present the topic, "Does Islam = Terrorism." Great, now I can find out what all the excitement is about.

Turns out Estes is a great teacher of the grammatical differences concerning the Bible and the Koran. After an hour of basic knowledge of Islamic practices, I was prepared to get down to the topic of the evening — terrorism. Estes only mentioned terrorism in passing, mainly jokes about stereotyping Muslims as terrorists, surely not his real opinion. But I wanted the Sheik to clarify and answer the question, "Does Islam equal terrorism?" I wanted to know if I have to worry about suicide bombers in Boston and Manhattan. I wanted to know if strapping a bomb to your chest and blowing up a market place, killing innocent men, women and children was justified by Islam.

But I digress. The question was concerning present day Muslims and their grossly disproportionate reaction to the controversial speech given by the Pontiff a few weeks ago — reactions including burning churches and the killing of a religious Sister.

Great, now we can hear a moderate Muslim denounce the violent attacks and give some perspective on true Islam.

Nothing.

The Sheik refused to comment, claiming he had not heard the Pope's remarks nor did he see the reactions in the Middle East. Moreover, he could have denounced other injustices executed in the name of Islam, but he offered nothing.

In order for us, America, the West, and the world to accept Islam without labeling it as a terror group, someone needs to stand up and condemn these acts of violence. Little criticism, if any, has come from Muslim leaders. In the Middle East violence is coordinated and fueled by Muslim leaders. I propose we invite the Sheik back for a second time, so maybe he can finally tell me whether Islam equals terrorism, because I still don't know.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY/18

UVM FALL 2006 CAREER FAIR
Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center
Full-scale job fair featuring full-time, part-time, co-op, and internship opportunities
Students should bring resumés and wear business attire
1:30-5 p.m.
Contact: 656.3450

GRADUATE SCHOOL WORKSHOP
Find out about exams, requirements, and get help identifying the right school
Klein Commons Library
4-5 p.m.
Contact: 654.2100

POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY LECTURE
Dr. David G. Myers
McCarthy Arts Center
4-6 p.m.
Contact: 654.2615

HOMELAND MOVIE
The American Story through Native American Eyes
Hoehl Welcome Center
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Contact: 654.2615

THE GROUP OF SEVEN
Canadian artists show the beauty of the Canadian landscape with Dr. Tortolano
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington
7 p.m.
Free
Contact: 865.7211

CELTIC PARTY NIGHT
Trinity and the McNeish School of Dance
Lincoln Inn, Essex Junction
7 p.m.-10 p.m.
Free
Contact: lincolninn@adelphia.net

JAPHY RYDER

Photo courtesy of Higher Ground

Japhy Ryder, a self-described jazz meets funk meets rock band, will play at Higher Ground Oct. 20.

THURSDAY/19

HISTORY AND CULTURAL IDENTITY FACULTY SEMINAR
Twelve scholars from Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe will engage in a dialogue with a group of St. Michael's faculty on the question of cultural identity
Hoehl Welcome Center
2:30-5:30 p.m.
Contact: 654.2615

TRUE WEST PRESENTED BY THE VERMONT STAGE COMPANY
Theater-Comedy
FlynnSpace, Burlington
Through Oct. 29
Mon.-Sat., 7:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 2 p.m.
Contact: 863.5966 or visit www.vtstage.org

CULT, CULTURE AND MEMORY
Lecture by Rev. Viliu Danca, rector, Roman Catholic Seminary, Roman Catholic Theological Institute, and Alexander L. Cuza of the University of Romania
St. Edmund's Hall, Farrell Room
7:30-9 p.m.
Contact: 654.2615

FRIDAY/20

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
With Val Medve, Wendy Gilchrist, and friends
Elley-Long Music Center
7-9:30 p.m.
$7
All dances taught, no partner needed
Adults and youths over 12
Contact: 899.2378 or valandtom@together.net

JAPHY RYDER
Higher Ground, South Burlington
Doors 8 p.m., show 9 p.m.
$6 advance, $8 day of show
All ages
Contact: 652.0777

SATURDAY/21

ANIMALS YOU LOVE TO HATE
ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, Burlington
1-2 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Contact: 864.1848 or info@echovermont.org

KAKI KING
Christine Baze, guitarist
Higher Ground, South Burlington
Doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.
$12 advance, $14 day of show
Seated show, all ages
Contact: 652.0777

SUNDAY/22

HAUNTED FOREST OUTDOOR THEATER
One-mile of haunted forest trail lined with over 1,000 jack o'lanterns, 26th Anniversary
The Catamount Family Center, Williston
Through Oct. 28
Evening shows: 7, 8, 9 and 10 p.m., Sat. 12, 1 and 2 p.m.
Contact: 238.0923 or hauntedforest@earthlink.net

MONDAY/23

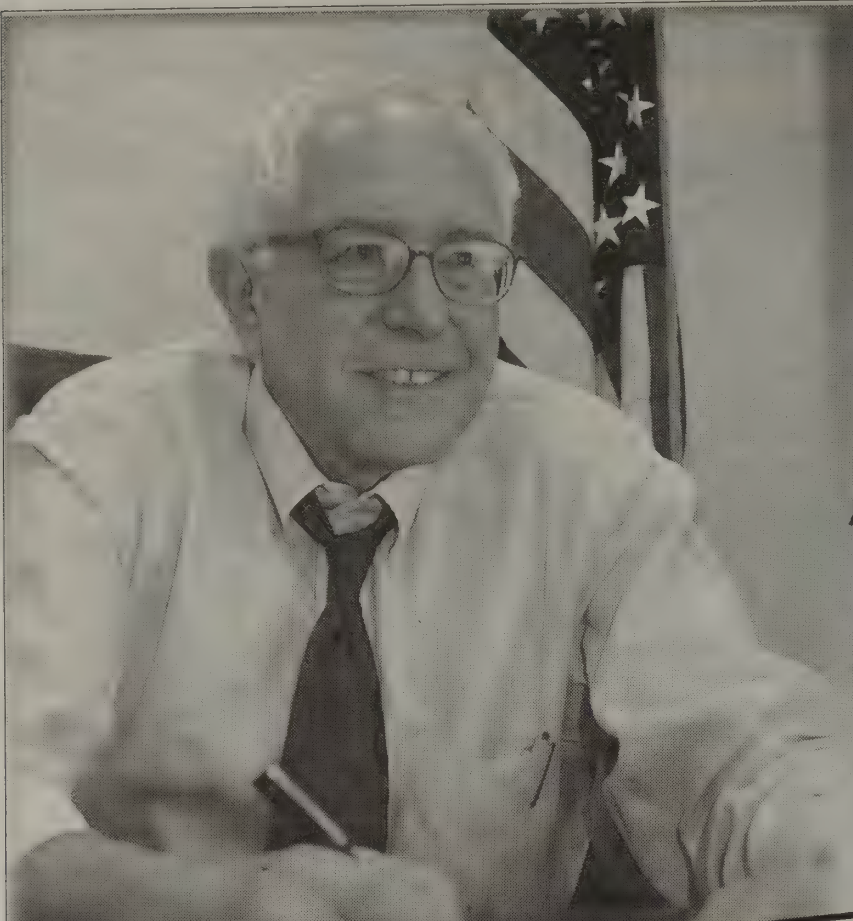
SYMPOSIUM ON SCIENCE AND RELIGION
Hoehl Welcome Center
7-9 p.m.
Contact: 654.2615

COMEDY OPEN MIC NIGHT: COMEDY BATTLE AUDITIONS
$250 grand prize
Higher Ground, South Burlington
Doors 7:30 p.m., show 8 p.m.
All ages, free
Contact: 652.0777

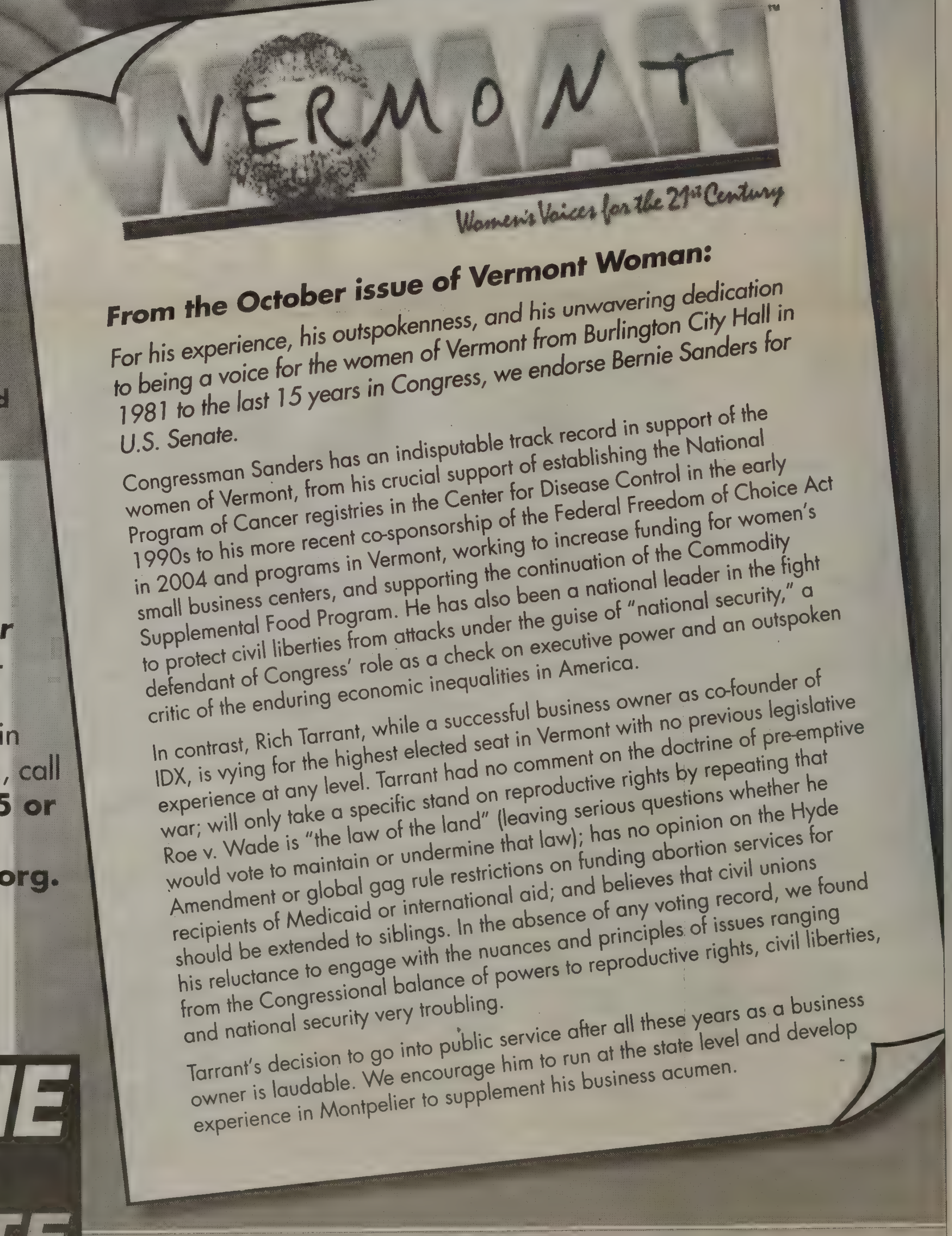
TUESDAY/24

THE WAYBACKS
Higher Ground, South Burlington
Doors 7 p.m., show 7:30 p.m.
$10 advance, $12 day of show
All ages
Contact: 652.0777

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Ross Sports Center
12:30-5 p.m.
Contact: 654-2615



Bernie Sanders: An unapologetic Supporter of Womens' Rights



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From the October issue of Vermont Woman:

For his experience, his outspokenness, and his unwavering dedication to being a voice for the women of Vermont from Burlington City Hall in 1981 to the last 15 years in Congress, we endorse Bernie Sanders for U.S. Senate.

Congressman Sanders has an indisputable track record in support of the women of Vermont, from his crucial support of establishing the National Program of Cancer registries in the Center for Disease Control in the early 1990s to his more recent co-sponsorship of the Federal Freedom of Choice Act in 2004 and programs in Vermont, working to increase funding for women's small business centers, and supporting the continuation of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. He has also been a national leader in the fight to protect civil liberties from attacks under the guise of "national security," a defendant of Congress' role as a check on executive power and an outspoken critic of the enduring economic inequalities in America.

In contrast, Rich Tarrant, while a successful business owner as co-founder of IDX, is vying for the highest elected seat in Vermont with no previous legislative experience at any level. Tarrant had no comment on the doctrine of pre-emptive war; will only take a specific stand on reproductive rights by repeating that Roe v. Wade is "the law of the land" (leaving serious questions whether he would vote to maintain or undermine that law); has no opinion on the Hyde Amendment or global gag rule restrictions on funding abortion services for recipients of Medicaid or international aid; and believes that civil unions should be extended to siblings. In the absence of any voting record, we found his reluctance to engage with the nuances and principles of issues ranging from the Congressional balance of powers to reproductive rights, civil liberties, and national security very troubling.

Tarrant's decision to go into public service after all these years as a business owner is laudable. We encourage him to run at the state level and develop experience in Montpelier to supplement his business acumen.

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Standings

Women's soccer

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Franklin Pierce	11-2	13-2
St. Rose	10-1-1	13-1-1
Merrimack	8-3-1	12-3-1
Massachusetts Lowell	8-3-1	8-4-3
Bryant	8-4-1	12-6-1
Stonehill	5-3-4	6-3-4
St. Anselm	5-4-3	8-5-3
Le Moyne	6-6	8-6
Southern New Hampshire	4-4-5	5-4-6
Assumption	4-6-3	5-7-3
Pace	4-6-2	7-7-2
St. Michael's	**3-8-2**	**5-9-2**
Southern Connecticut	2-7-3	5-7-3
Bentley	2-11	5-11
American International	0-12	1-13-1

Men's soccer

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Franklin Pierce	9-1-1	13-1-1
Southern Connecticut	9-1-1	12-1-2
Merrimack	7-4	12-4
Le Moyne	6-4-2	8-5-3
Southern New Hampshire	5-3-3	7-6-3
St. Michael's	**5-4-2**	**9-4-3**
Massachusetts Lowell	4-3-4	6-4-4
Bryant	4-5-3	6-5-3
American International	5-6	7-7-1
Bentley	4-5-2	8-6-2
St. Anselm	4-6-1	5-9-1
Stonehill	3-8	7-9
Assumption	2-8-1	2-12-1
St. Rose	1-10	2-13

Volleyball

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
St. Rose	10-0	18-4
Bentley	9-0	18-8
Bryant	8-1	16-13
Franklin Pierce	7-4	13-6
Massachusetts Lowell	7-4	12-13
Le Moyne	6-4	15-10
Pace	6-4	8-15
Merrimack	5-4	9-11
Southern New Hampshire	3-4	9-9
Southern Connecticut	2-7	7-15
Stonehill	2-7	4-17
American International	2-8	4-10
Assumption	2-9	10-10
St. Michael's	**2-9**	**8-11**
St. Anselm	1-7	2-14

Field hockey

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Stonehill	9-2	11-3
Bentley	9-3	11-4
Merrimack	8-3	8-3
St. Michael's	**8-4**	**9-5**
Massachusetts Lowell	7-4	10-4
Bryant	7-5	8-7
Assumption	5-7	5-10
Southern Connecticut	4-8	4-11
Franklin Pierce	3-8	3-10
American International	2-9	2-10
St. Anselm	2-11	3-12

Nardi sees benefits of hard work

By Erik Wells
Staff Writer

Senior field hockey goalie Tina Nardi has been named NE-10 Goalie of the Week twice this season, earning three shutouts and posting a 1.44 goals against average for the eighth ranked Knights.

"When she's on and makes some saves you feel so confident," senior captain Ashley Webb said. "It's exciting to see how the team reacts when she just starts making some sick saves."

Nardi's success can be partially attributed to a change in her mental approach to the game, Webb said.

"Last year I was very much like, give me my space, get away from me, really intense," Nardi said. "Sometimes that would go well for me and sometimes that would go really bad."

This season Nardi has changed her approach and feels more relaxed and comfortable in goal, remembering it's just a game that's suppose to be fun, she said. It's something assistant coach Karen Okun reminded her of before facing rival Bentley earlier this season, Nardi said.

In overtime last year against Bentley, All-American forward Mary Rogers scored the game-winner for the Falcons on a breakaway against Nardi.

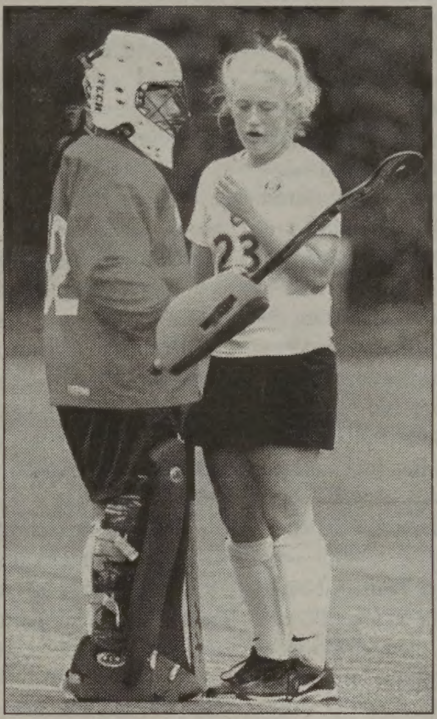


Photo by Meg Bookless

Tina Nardi (left) talks with teammate Jess Finlay during a recent game.

This year, with the Knights leading 1-0 in the second half, Rogers emerged on a breakaway again.

"When she came down this year I was like 'hell no,'" Nardi said.

Nardi came out of the goal, dove to her right, and knocked the ball away with her stick, she said. The Knights won, 1-0.

"You don't really have time to think, especially if it's a one-on-one," Nardi said. "It doesn't matter if it's ugly, if you save the ball it works."

A strong communicator on the field, Nardi constantly positions the defense in front of her, dictating the movement in relation to the attacking players, Webb said.

During her four years on the team, Nardi has improved in every area, head coach Carla Hesler said.

"She has great athletic skills, physically one of the best athletes on the team as a goalkeeper, so that enhances her position quite a bit," Hesler said.

This past off-season, Nardi went to the gym up to six days a week. She trained with weights, ran and did a variety of jumping exercises in order to increase her reaction time and mobility in goal, she said.

Nardi's athletic ability is her strength. She has quick hands and reactions, and her mobility and agility enhance her ability to scramble, Hesler said.

"She's a very tactically aware defender as a goalkeeper," Hesler said. "She understands what's dangerous, what's the goal of the defensive unit when the ball is in our circle. She's the director."

Nardi originally came to St. Michael's to ski and play field hockey, but suffered a broken leg during a race her first year, prompting her to play only field hockey at the collegiate level, she said.

Nardi started playing field hockey in eighth grade and began playing goalie her freshman year of high school. It was after a successful sophomore year as the full-time starting varsity goalie when Nardi started to think about playing field hockey in college, she said. Nardi credits her high school coach, Sandy Adams, at Salem Central High School in New York for telling her that she could play at the collegiate level.

Spending her first two collegiate seasons on the bench after being the starting goalie in high school was frustrating, Nardi said, but something that comes with being a younger player on a big team in college.

"You work as hard as you can, and you'll get your time," Nardi said.

The field hockey program is built on player development, Hesler said. It's an expectation the student athletes will look to improve their individual skills, team skills, and knowledge of the game during their time here.

"She's brought to the field her experience and her support," Hesler said. "She's very calm in the goal cage which lends itself to wins and confidence building, especially with some young players. She's a great role model," Hesler said.

In addition to her veteran presence in goal, Nardi constantly helps and teaches the younger goalies on the team, sophomores Jordan Smalling and Kat Russell, Hesler said.

"She's a good leader," Smalling said. "I learn something new from her every day." It will be different for Smalling not having Nardi around in the upcoming years.

"It's going to be big shoes to fill," Smalling said. "I have definitely learned a lot from her, I don't know what I'm going to do without her."

The team is finishing the season with the hope of bringing a playoff game home to Duffy Field, Nardi said. The team is looking for a strong showing in the NE-10 Tournament, which could propel them to the NCAA tournament, Nardi said.

Photo by Meg Bookless

Tina Nardi (center) looks to stop the ball while Franklin Pierce's Jennifer Provencher (No. 26) looks on.

Lichtenberger sets pace for men's cross country

By Tessa Schraven
Staff Writer

After losing two runners to graduation, the men's cross country team started the season with low numbers and high expectations. Coming into the season well-prepared and setting personal goals became the focus for each runner.

"We are only carrying nine (runners) this year and that's the smallest team in my six years of coaching," head coach Joe Connelly said.

This meant there was no room for injury and the team would have to perform consistently to achieve the results they wanted, Connelly said. The Purple Knights lacked depth and Connelly said he has relied on his "middle runners" to develop this season.

This year's team is led by senior captain Thomas Lichtenberger, who has a chance to qualify for the NCAA competition, an accomplishment achieved only by 2003 graduate Drew Best. All teams in Division II are divided into eight regions and two teams from the Northeast-10 region automatically qualify. The top two runners left in each region (not on these two teams) will qualify for National's as well.

"Many runners have come close, but failed to qualify," Connelly said.

Lichtenberger was named First Team All-State at the Vermont State Championship on Oct. 30, and recently placed 151 out of 307 runners at the New England Cross Country Championships, an all-time best for St. Michael's.

"It was a good race for him this weekend," Connelly said. "He's a great kid and definitely one of the hidden stars of this school."

Lichtenberger said he credits his success to his off-season training and constant encouragement. The workouts this year have also changed to include running barefoot and strength training.

"Every year we add a little something and he's been receptive and responded well to everything," Connelly said.

The increased mileage has also been a large part of his success.

"I don't like to set too specific of a goal, but I want to remain consistent," Lichtenberger said.

Each year at Regional's he has beaten his time from the previous year. Final cross country team results are dependent on individuals running well.

The team has focused on achieving personal goals, which has taken pressure away from performance, Lichtenberger said. Tom O'Riordan has also been a strong runner this year, Connelly said.

Lichtenberger and O'Riordan have been teammates for four seasons. O'Riordan looks up to Lichtenberger because of his ability and enjoyment of the sport.

"He's an awesome teammate, really nice, unassuming, and he's fast as heck," O'Riordan said. "I don't want to put too much pressure on him, but I hope he can do it."

The last stretch of the season will allow Lichtenberger to focus on the NE-10 Championships, NCAA Regional's, and NCAA Championships. Connelly credits his team for its accomplishments no matter what its record is.

"On the whole, we are as good as we can be, and we can walk away from the season and we got everything out of this team that we can," Connelly said.

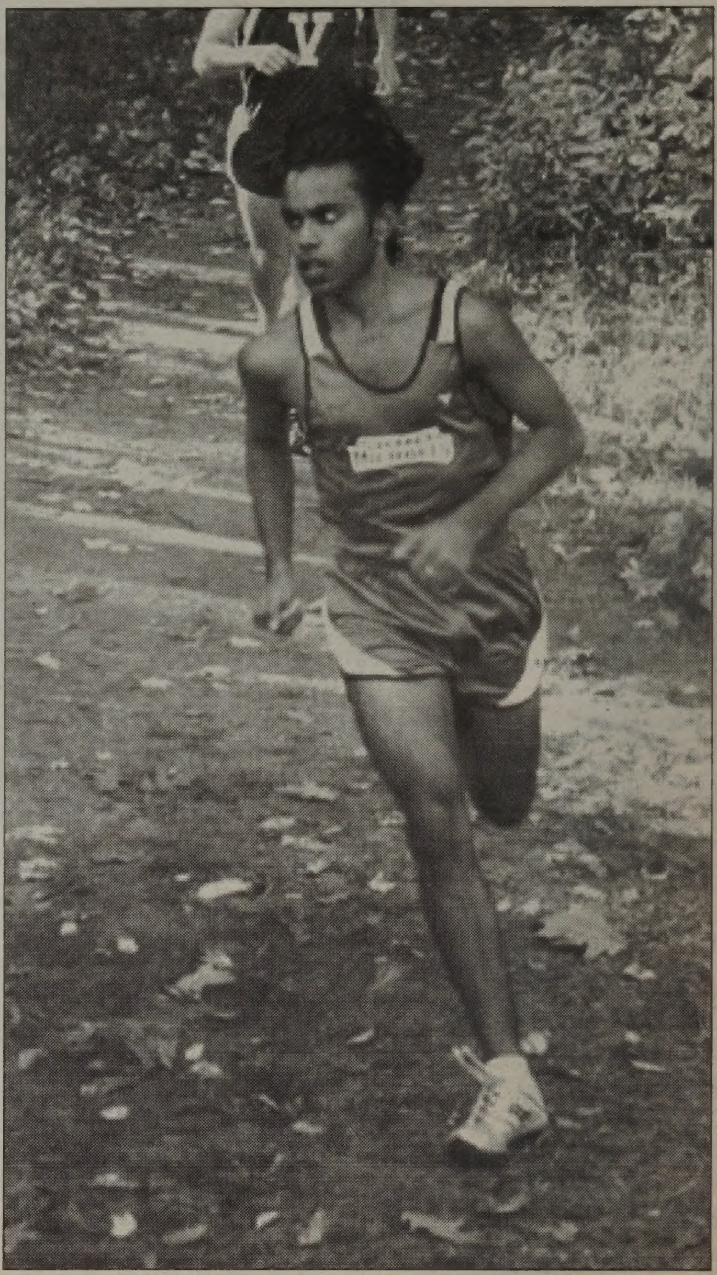


Photo by Meg Bookless

Thomas Lichtenberger runs the course on the Gilbrook Nature Path behind the 300s field on Friday, Oct. 13. Lichtenberger finished fourth.

Men's hockey holds series of clinics for local youth

Waterbury, Essex, South Burlington ice rinks host annual "Pre-Season Warm-up" camps

By Mark Gould
Staff Writer

Photo by Meg Bookless

Men's hockey assistant coach Chris Davidson assiststs two children at the Waterbury clinic.

St. Michael's men's hockey players are trading slap shots with boys and girls half their age and size at the Waterbury, Essex, and South Burlington ice rinks.

Players and coaches have begun their annual "Pre-Season Warm-Up" hockey clinic for boys and girls ages 7-15. The clinic, which began roughly 20 years ago under head coach Lou DiMasi, provides on-ice instruction and warm-up for skaters before the start of their youth hockey seasons.

"There is an element of individual skills ... forward skating, backward skating, and an introduction to checking," DiMasi said. "It's been very successful. We've been sold out every year."

Clinic enrollment is limited to 40 players per age group, DiMasi said. The clinic serves as a fund-raiser to pay for the team's sticks.

Margaret Briand, a nurse in health services, enrolled her 13-year-old son Will in the camp when he was seven.

"We've known about (the clinic) for a while from school, seeing brochures up at the rink and from knowing Lou," Briand said.

Will plays youth hockey at the bantam level for the Chittenden South Burlington Hawks and this year made it onto an AB level team, thanks in part to the clinic, Briand said.

"I think part of Will making the team was also because of taking the camp and getting his skating legs underneath him," Briand said.

The athletes, young and old commingle, on and off the ice, DiMasi said.

"Our philosophy is that the players work with young athletes to create a big brotherhood of ice hockey," DiMasi said.

The varsity team manages a rotating mandatory attendance for the clinics, defenseman Andy DiMasi said. This allows the boys and girls to meet different players, Andy said.

"Because we've got so many guys trying out, every night different guys sign up and go," Andy said. "So kids get to see players from the whole team, and not just the same players every night."

Spending on-ice time with St. Michael's players has created off-ice friendships for some youth hockey players, Briand said.

"It's cool to him (Will) because the guys have gotten to know him," Briand said. "Will will go to the St. Mikes games, and he sees these guys up at the rink all the time, and they do high-fives. I think as a young guy, he idolizes these guys."

The clinic is also helpful for recruiting players, Lou DiMasi said.

"It's important to try to get the name of St. Michael's hockey out, and to recruit Vermont players," Lou DiMasi said. "We're competing with UVM for players."

Several campers have grown up to eventually don the purple and gold jerseys and take to the ice for the Purple Knights as varsity hockey players, Lou DiMasi said. One such players is Andy DiMasi. As a 12-year-old camper, Andy DiMasi looked up to the St. Michael's players, he said. Now, he finds himself in larger skates as an instructor.

"Being a little kid in youth hockey, you look up to college hockey players," Andy DiMasi said. "It's kind of cool to go from being a camper to being the guy people look up to."

The camp illustrates the strength in both the youth hockey and St. Michael's community, Briand said.

"It's great community building for a lot of these kids," Briand said. "They come from all over, and they all get into skating with the older guys. It's nice to see the college hockey team giving to the community."

It is important for St. Michael's athletes to be helpful in the community outside of the college, Lou DiMasi said.

Varsity athletes participate in several sports camps and clinics as instructors. St. Michael's offers boys and girl's basketball, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and field hockey, and an all-sports camp, according to the Web site.

"Our athletes must be good community members because there are youngsters in the community who look up to them," Lou DiMasi said.

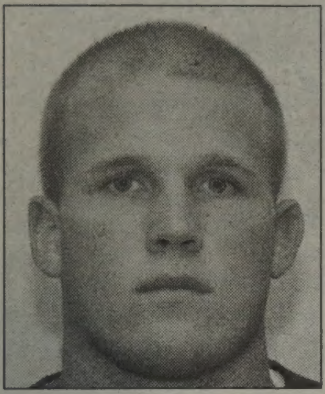
The importance of giving back to the community echoes the mission of St. Michael's College, Lou DiMasi said.

"Life is all about giving," he said. "By giving, you enhance someone else's life."

ATHLETE of the WEEK

| Senior | Men's Soccer | Business | Arlington, Vt. |

Glenn Sherman



High school: Arlington Memorial High School.

Started playing: When I was five.

Why SMC: I chose SMC for the area and for soccer.

Favorite memory: Beating No. 1 Franklin Pierce.

Favorite food: Steak.

Plans for after graduation: Not sure for plans after graduation.

Meaning behind your number: I've had it since I started playing competitive soccer.

Why chosen: Sherman scored the only goal in a 1-0 upset of Franklin Pierce, the former No. 1 team in Division II, on Saturday, Oct. 14. Sherman leads the team in goals (seven) and points (16). He currently sits in third place on the all-time scorers list, and is just one goal away from tying Geoff Star '87 as the No. 2 goal scorer.

NE-10 Weekly Honor Roll

- **Volleyball:** Audrey Rose Hagert
- **Men's cross country:** Thomas Lichtenberger
- **Field Hockey:** Lindsay Brancaleone

Knightly Update

▶ The **field hockey team** (9-5, 8-4 NE-10) defeated Assumption in overtime on Sunday, Oct. 15. Sophomore Andrea Slaven scored her fourth game-winning goal of the season. Senior Cassie Dewey also scored for the Knights. The team avenged an earlier season loss to Franklin Pierce by defeating the Ravens, 3-1. Senior Lindsay Brancaleone scored two goals, including the game-winner. Dewey scored the team's other goal.

▶ The **women's soccer team** (5-9-2, 3-8-2 NE-10) was officially eliminated from the postseason tournament with a 2-1 loss at Assumption on Friday, Oct. 13. Junior captain Kelly Boulter scored off a corner kick just 13 minutes into the game for St. Michael's only goal. The Purple Knights will close out their season when they host Bentley on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.

▶ The **men's soccer team** (9-4-3, 5-4-3 NE-10) defeated top-ranked Franklin Pierce, 1-0, on Saturday, Oct. 14. Senior Glenn Sherman headed in a corner kick 26 minutes into the game. Sam Piotrowski was credited with the assist, First-year Jason Burnett, playing in his third game of the season, stopped six shots. Franklin Pierce was recently ranked No. 1 in the Division II/NCAA/Adidas National Rankings. The victory came just three days after the Purple Knights allowed two goals over the final 1:03 of play in a 2-1 loss at Southern New Hampshire. The Purple Knights will host Bentley on Friday, Oct. 16 in their final regular season game. Game time is 2:00 p.m.

▶ The **women's tennis team** (5-2, 5-1 NE-10) completed its fall schedule over the weekend by defeating Merrimack, 7-2, on Saturday Oct. 14, and beating Assumption, 8-1, on Sunday, Oct. 15. Lindsay Horne, Cailie Burns, Liz Clemente, Catherine Dalton and Megan Conway all earned singles victories for the Knights.

▶ The **men's tennis team** (3-3, 3-3 NE-10) finished out its fall season with a victory against Merrimack on Saturday, Oct. 14, and a loss to Assumption on Sunday, Oct. 15. In Saturday's victory, John Lescure, Andrew Bolduc and Craig Lindabery earned singles victories for the Knights. In Sunday's loss, the No. 1 doubles team of Andy Samara and Bolduc earned a victory.

▶ The **men's and women's cross country teams** hosted a four-team meet with in-state rivals Norwich, Lyndon State and the University of Vermont. On the men's side, senior Thomas Lichtenberger's fourth place finish led the men's team to a third place finish overall. The women's team placed second overall, behind the strong running of junior Courtney Richard and first-year Emily Conley.

▶ The **volleyball team** (8-11, 2-9) split a pair of games over the weekend. The team had a 3-2 comeback victory over Assumption on Saturday, Oct. 14, behind the strong play of sophomores Audrey Rose Hagert, Amy Manougian and Stephanie Smetana. On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Knights suffered a 3-1 loss to American International despite solid play from Hagert, Manougian and Smetana.

▶ The **men's golf team** tied for fifth in a six-team match at UMass Lowell on Sunday, Oct. 15. The Knights were led by sophomore Jonathan Goguen and first-year Matt Reese. On Monday, Oct. 16, the team placed fourth in its match at Assumption.

Statistics courtesy of Sports Information

Knight WRITER

By Haven Quinn

Saying 'I do' to golf

Question: What do you get when you add 10 guys, four coolers of beer, 90 degree heat, and a man who has 24 hours of single life left?

Answer: You get a round of golf with my family.

At The Medalist, a private course owned by Greg Norman, in Jupiter, Fla., my family split up into five-man teams and played best-ball. Everyone from New York was on the Yankees side, and everyone from Boston was on the Patriots side.

Team Patriots teed off the first hole, which was a simple 150ish-yard shot to the green. Too bad three of us put our balls in the bushes. We finished with par and a couple empties.

Hitting over water on the second hole with trees protecting houses on the right, I put mine 10 feet in front of me. My dad placed his ball perfectly on the porch of one of the houses. We settled for par.

Water on the third hole swallowed three balls, the woods took another and one dropped in the sand below the green on the edge of the water.

The groom's advice before hitting the ball in the sand: "Hurry up and hit, there are baby alligators in there."

I swatted the ball like I would have swatted a baby alligator, and sure enough, we bogeyed.

When we were teeing off we noticed no one from team New York had hit the green, although they magically screamed across the pond they had parred the hole. Suspect.

By the fourth hole, it was so hot I gave up looking for shade and my golf game.

After our pathetic putting left us with a bogey on four, five wasn't looking any better after our tee shots landed nowhere in sight. But closed eye chipping got us a par.

We yelled back that we were two-under as opposed to our actual two-over. Their response: Three-under. Liars!

Hole six was more of a red ant colony, and the reason why I sent my ball into the woods. We settled for par.

"What did you guys get?" team New York screamed after they watched us putt.

"Eagle," we shouted.

No one ever said family golf was fair.

An elevated green on the seventh naturally caused none of us to hit it. But my nonexistent chipping game decided to come out of the gutter and saved us. Par, as usual.

Still two-under, I mean two-over, we headed to the eighth where the green lay behind what looked like a beach.

I was feeling good, and by good I mean buzzed, so I went first.

I swung like Helen Keller at a piñata party and hit a bird. It squawked so loud I think the Wilderness Protection Program heard it.

I hope Greg's not mad.

Par, bogey, who knows at this point, but we decided like a loving family to stay and watch team New York hit.

"This hole plays a little short, don't worry about the water," we yelled back laughing like teenage girls, even though with the wind the hole played like 190 instead of 150.

"FORE!" team New York screamed as we ducked in our carts as the ball landed in the bushes next to us.

No question that shot was unintentional. It was my cousin Chris's best shot of the day. It was straight. Straight at us!

The cooler was looking a bit empty as team New York watched us tee off the ninth. By watched I mean laughed as we sank all our balls into the water.

This wasn't the Master's so we took mulligans and finally found the green. Par, as usual.

"Hey Dave, do you want to play golf with us Sunday?" a member of team New York said.

"No, I'm going on my honeymoon."

"Oh come on, you can't let that start now. You're getting married on Saturday; you need a day off after. You need to lay down the law."

We are ruthless.

Since the course wasn't open yet there were no designated tee boxes, so we would place a tee in the ground from where we hit, so team New York knew where to tee off.

"We should tee off way up there and place the tee way back there so they won't beat us on this hole," my uncle Joel said on the 10th.

We parred 10, barely, 11 is a blur due to drinking in the sun, and 12 wasn't any better. Bogey, par, double bogey, eagle, who knows, but at least we finished.

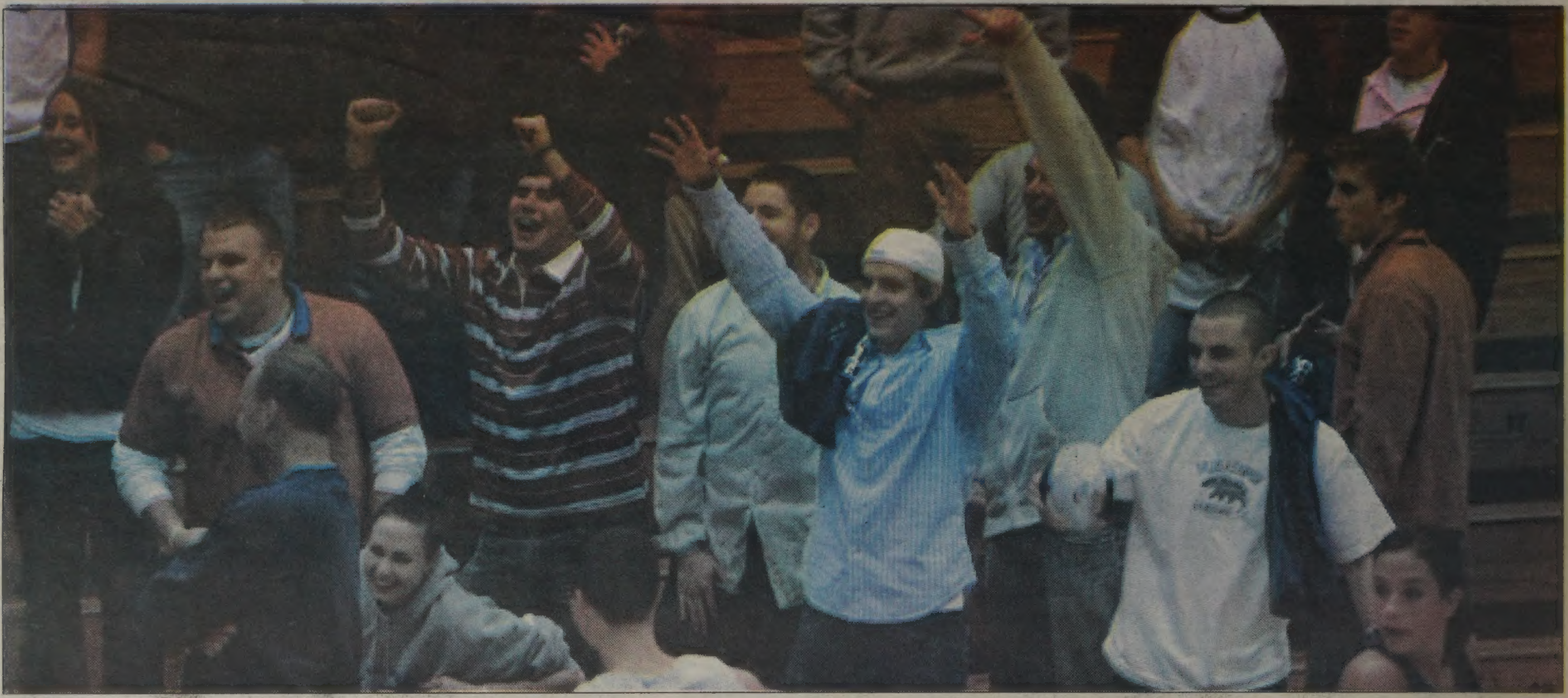
Since the course wasn't completed yet, it only had 12 holes.

"If you guys don't birdie this hole we win," the groom said to team New York as they drove up to us.

"I thought every beer was minus one stroke?" my cousin Nathan from team New York said.

Our family golf was over and we were ready to welcome in the newest member of our family.

Judging by the smile on Teresa's face when she said 'I do,' I think she was ready to join our family, too. Hopefully she has a good swing!



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Above: Students react to senior men's basketball player Chris Cayole's dunking skills. Bottom left: Senior Pete Tabor prepares to take the 3-point shot that won him free books for the second semester during Midnight Madness, held Saturday, Oct. 15. Bottom right: junior men's basketball player Brian Monahan dunks the ball.

Midnight Madness is success

By Amanda Pelley
Staff Writer

The men's and women's basketball teams hosted Midnight Madness, an event to kick off their basketball seasons, on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The event offered free pizza and drinks to the entire student body, as well as free T-shirts to the first 100 students to arrive.

"It was a lot of fun," sophomore Kristen Salierno said. "It was very well prepared."

Midnight Madness was a substance-free event through Knight Life Choices. The program was originally made possible by the NCAA.

Athletic Director Geri Knortz applied for a grant six years ago and was given a three-year, $30,000 grant, she wrote in an e-mail interview. After the grant expired, the Cabinet approved the about $8,000 per year program to continue, partially through Coca-Cola profits on campus, she wrote.

"The grant called for substance-free weekend programs to be sponsored by various athletics teams, and offered to the entire campus population," Knortz wrote.

Other Knight Life programs are sponsored by the hockey, basketball, soccer and lacrosse teams. The ultimate goal is to provide the student body with an alternate activity on the weekends other than substance abuse, Knortz wrote.

Midnight Madness is used at larger colleges and universities and was adopted by the basketball teams to promote their season kick off.

"We want to create interest in the students through a substance-free event and hope to accomplish both," men's basketball coach Tom O'Shea said.

DJ FT$ introduced both teams while playing music to get the student body going. Both teams started the event with a warm-up, which included a dunk contest. The men's team played an intersquad scrimmage followed by the women's team.

Women's head coach Jen Niebling said she had high hopes for the evening.

"We want to introduce the team to the student body by shooting together," Niebling said. "Our goal is to create a good vibe and build a strong support system."

The event wrapped up with the free-throw and 3-point shot contests. In the free-throw contests, students who had signed up before the event had a chance to participate. Each student selected one men's and one women's basketball player to form a three-man team. Teams battled for baskets for 30 seconds, and the winners received free T-shirts.

Participants in the 3-point contest were chosen based on randomly selected raffle tickets. The participating students had one chance to sink a 3-point shot for the free books. After several other students were unsuccessful, Tabor hit the winning basket.

"Unbelievable," Tabor said. "I'm $250 richer now."

Tabor has Mike O'Brien, Class of 1971, to thank for making it possible. O'Brien sponsored the competition and volunteered to pay for a student's second semester book costs if he or she was the first to sink a 3-point shot.

The event attracted about 200 students who were excited to cheer on their basketball teams.

"They look awesome this year," sophomore Skyler Bryan said. "Both teams look really strong."

The teams were happy to see how many people came to support them.

"It's a great way to kick off our season," sophomore Mike Iola said. "Student involvement is key to get our momentum going."

The women's team appeared confident about the upcoming season.

"Our goal is to reach the playoffs," sophomore Megan O'Connor said.

The basketball teams will open their season on Nov. 4. The women will play at Norwich and the men will play at the University of Vermont.